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The American Nazis and the Nation of Islam

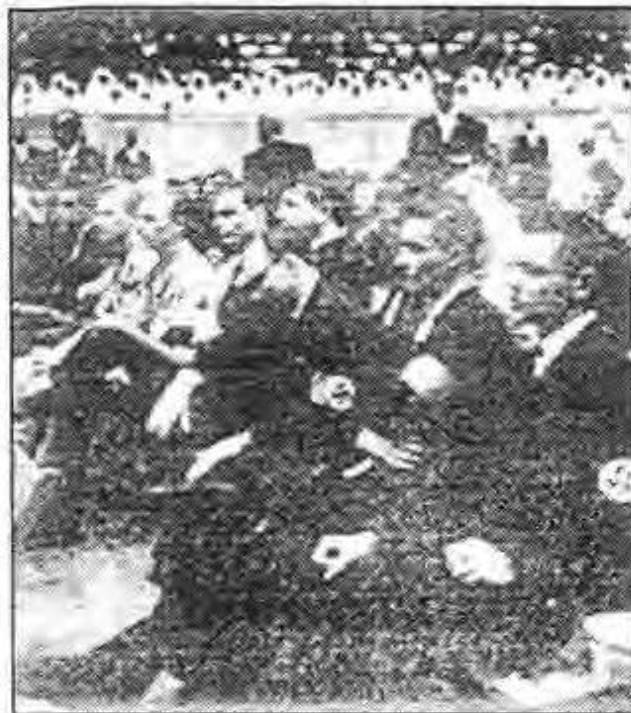
BY SAAB LOFTON

One might try to claim that the black Panthers bearing arms in public is what ultimately caused their demise. Yet the Black Panthers armed themselves strictly for self-defense against cops guilty of Rodney-King-esque beatings which took place on a daily basis during their era. The Panthers never arbitrarily killed anyone. However, if the FBI really wanted to shut down a clearly violent organization that had a long history of performing assassinations, it should have gone after the group who ordered the public execution of Malcolm X.

The Nation of Islam has since been implicated in the deaths of Malcolm X loyalists, whether they happened to be civilians or ministers of their own mosques. And if it decided not to kill a Malcolm X loyalist, or any other critic for that matter, the NOI would resort to harassment or terrorism. In 1970, Philadelphia's Uhuru Kitabu bookstore was firebombed because its employees would not take a Malcolm X poster from their store window after being threatened by local Black Muslims.

But if the following doesn't prove that the Nation of Islam is capable of being more of a threat to the community than the Black Panthers ever dreamed of being on their worst day, nothing will. This was taken from an article in *The Nation* magazine (1/21/91) written by Adolph Reed Jr., a professor of political science at Yale University:

Most chilling, in January 1973 a simmering theological dispute with members of the Hanafi Islamic sect in Washington ignited into an attack of which only zealots or hardened killers are capable. Seven Hanafis were murdered in their 16th Street residence, owned by Kareem Abdul Jabbar; five of the victims were children, including babies who drowned in the bathtub. (The Hanafis held the Nation [of Islam] responsible and four years later occupied a government building and B'nai B'rith center and took hostages to press their demands for retribution.)



ON JUNE 25TH, 1961, GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, "FUHRER" OF THE AMERICAN NAZI PARTY APPEARED AT THE NATION OF ISLAM'S NATIONAL CONVENTION

So obviously, the FBI wasn't too concerned with an all-Black group causing mayhem. Else they would have assassinated Farrakhan as they did fellow Chicago native, Fred Hampton. Clearly the reasons why the Black Muslims were left unscathed were primarily ideological. Or as Milton Kleg, professor of social science education at the University of Colorado in Denver put it, "unlike the Black Panthers, the Black Muslims are right-wing racists as opposed to the leftist, Marxist-Leninist Panthers."

The Nation of Islam has always shared the same, exact platform as its White supremacist counterparts. Stance by stance, right down to their opposition to Jewish life, socialism, and equal rights for women and gays. But the one position more than any other that has brought them together was their common belief that all the races should be segregated. And yes, they have come together—on more than one occasion.

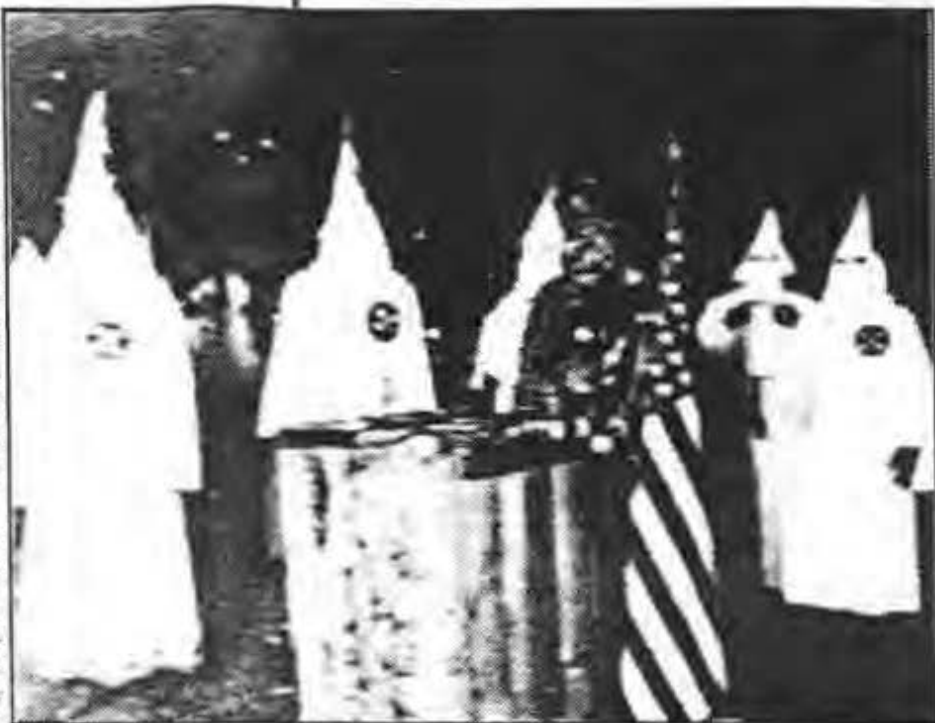
In the fall of 1992, Tom Metzger was the sole guest on an episode of *The Whoopi Goldberg Show*, said that he had spoken with Farrakhan at length, and declared, as rapper Ice Cube had in the album *Death Certificate*, that the best thing for any young Black man in America to do was to join the Nation of Islam. Metzger also attended a rally in Los Angeles that Farrakhan gave in early October, 1985 and donated \$100.00 according to both *Time* magazine and *The New York Times*.

Wayne King, who wrote that particular piece for the *Times* also said that, "cooperation between Black and White separatists is not without precedent." And he wasn't just whistling Dixie. On June 25th, 1961, George Lincoln Rockwell, "fuhrer" of the American Nazi Party appeared at the Nation of Islam's National convention at the Uline Arena in Washington, DC, and contributed \$20.00.

On February 25th 1962, Rockwell was invited again to the NOI's annual convention. This time, the "fuhrer" was dressed in full Nazi regalia and was accompanied by 10 of his storm troopers all of whom had front row seats. Rockwell was one of the first speakers of the convention and said to hundreds of Black Muslims, "Elijah Muhammad [the leader of the NOI before Farrakhan] has done some wonderful things for the so-called Negro. Elijah Muhammad is to the so-called Negro what Adolph Hitler was to the German people, he is the most powerful Black man in the country. Heil Hitler!"

In a letter to his followers, George Lincoln Rockwell said the following:

I have just had a meeting with the most extraordinary Black man in America: The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, leader of the Nation of Islam. I was amazed to learn how much they and I agree on things; they think that Blacks should get out of this country and go back to Africa or to some other place and so do we. They want to get Black men to leave White women alone, and White men to leave Black women alone, and so do we. the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and I have worked out an agreement of



MARCUS GARVEY MET WITH THE KKK'S ACTING IMPERIAL WIZARD EDWARD YOUNG CLARKE IN ATLANTA (WHERE MALCOLM X MET OLD SIX) ON JUNE 25TH (THE DATE ROCKWELL WENT TO THE NOI'S 1961 CONVENTION—STRANGE...)

mutual assistance in which they will help us on some things and we will help them on others.

And then of course there was the ever-popular Malcolm X, who while he had spent the last year of his political career (and his life) as a liberal, had also spent the previous 10 years of his public life as a minister and the national representative of the Nation of Islam. During this right-wing tenure, Malcolm himself was cutting a deal with the Ku Klux Klan according to a New York City FBI file dated 5/17/61, bureau file number: 100-399321. But Malcolm's own words, taken from a speech of his given on February 15th 1965 in Harlem's Audobon Ballroom, would do the events more justice:

The way they threw that bomb in there [referring to the NOI's firebombing of Malcolm X's home] they could have it in a Ku Klux Klan house. Why do they want to bomb my house? Why don't they bomb the Klan? I'm going to tell you why. In 1960, in December, in December of 1960, I was in the home of Jeremiah, the [Black Muslim] minister in

Atlanta, Georgia. I'm ashamed to say it, but I'm going to tell you the truth. I sat at the table myself with the head of the Ku Klux Klan. I sat there myself, with the heads of the Ku Klux Klan, who at that time were trying to negotiate with Elijah Muhammad so that they could make available to him a large area of land in Georgia or I think it was South Carolina. They had some very responsible persons in the government who were involved in it and who were willing to go along with it [Hence the FBI report?]. They wanted to make this land available to him so that his program of separation would sound feasible to Negroes and therefore lessen the pressure that the integrationists were putting upon the White man. I sat there. I negotiated it. I listened to their offer. And I was the one who went back to Chicago and told Elijah Muhammad what they had offered. Now, this was in December

him. This move was similar to the one Martin Delany had made in the 1870s, according to Clayborne Carson, professor of history at Stanford University. Garvey's organization, the United Negro Improvement Association, shared the Klan's goal of the total deportation of Black Americans to Africa and even expelled members who married Whites.

Marcus Garvey met with the KKK's Acting Imperial Wizard Edward Young Clarke in Atlanta (where Malcolm X met Old Six) on June 25th (the date Rockwell went to the NOI's 1961 convention—strange...), 1922, according to E. David Cronon's, *Black Moses: The Story of Marcus Garvey and Robert A. Hill's, Marcus Garvey: Life and Lessons*.

Garvey's second volume of his *Philosophy and Opinions* carried an advertisement for Major Earnest Sevier Cox's *White America*, a polemic

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of 1960. The code name that Jeremiah gave the Klan leader was 666. Whenever they would refer to him they would refer to him as Old Six. What his name was right now escapes me. But they even sat there and told stories how—what they had done on different escapades that they had been involved in. Jeremiah was there and his wife was there and I was there and the Klan was there. From that day onward the Klan never interfered with the Black Muslim movement in the South. Jeremiah attended Klan rallies, as you read on the front page of the New York Tribune. They never bothered him, never touched a Muslim, and a Muslim never touched him...When the brothers in Monroe, Louisiana, were involved in trouble with the police, if you'll recall, Elijah Muhammad got old [James] Venable. Venable is a Ku Klux Klan lawyer. He's a Ku Klux Klan chieftain, according to The Saturday Evening Post, that was up on the witness stand. Go back and read the paper and you'll see that Venable was the one who represented the Black Muslim movement in Louisiana.

Yet another sacred cow of the Black community was guilty of very much the same things. There is an actual photo, albeit rare, of none other than Marcus Garvey in an all-black, custom made Ku Klux Klan robe standing before a burning cross with half a dozen Klansmen around

calling for racial separation. Major Cox, in turn, wrote a pamphlet on maintaining racial purity dedicated to Garvey. Cox also spoke to UNIA audiences at New York's Liberty Hall during the mid-1920s as did John Powell, organizer of the Anglo-Saxon Clubs of America. Just as George Lincoln Rockwell would speak before the NOI 40 years later and as Tom Metzger would be teamed up with Louis Farrakhan some 40 years after that.

It must be remembered, however, that it was not the mere existence of extremism surrounding these figures which brought them together. The Black Panthers were extremists, but they were extreme leftists. Ergo they never would've had anything to do with these groups and never did. In the end, it was the fact that these Black and White reactionaries shared the same belief system, the same political platform, and the same world view, not much more. In the Nation of Islam's case at least, they had already joined forces with the CIA because they felt a shared need to kill Malcolm X. And what do they always say? "You never leave the agency, once CIA, always CIA..."

Saab Lofton authored *A.D.*, an expose that documents the Nation of Islam's dealings with both the KKK and the American Nazi Party. It is available from III Publishing, POB 170363, San Francisco, CA 94117-0363.

The Octopus: Wild Rumors

Book Excerpt

BY KENN THOMAS AND JIM KEITH

On August 19, 1991, investigator Danny Casolaro was found dead in a hotel room, ending his investigation of a secret intelligence community cabal he called the Octopus. His body was found with both wrists slashed and an unconvincing suicide note. His work and life have since passed into the conspiracy lore. The full story of Casolaro's research is told in The Octopus: Secret Government and the Death of Danny Casolaro, a new book recently published by Feral House, from which the following is excerpted.

The facts that Casolaro investigated were astounding enough, but the rumors were out of this world. Rumor had it, for instance, that the Cabazons belonged to worldwide "Reservation Operations" run on Indian lands by the "Enterprise" and Wackenhut under the project name "Yellow Lodge." (1) Yellow Lodge allegedly produced advanced warfare projects, including parthenogenic viruses co-engineered with Stormont Labs in Woodland, California. Stormont Labs later even acknowledged that it had discussions with Wackenhut concerning biological weapons. (2)

Again according to rumor, Yellow Lodge ran operations on Jicarilla Apache lands and other Indian reservations, including a center called "D6" located in Dulce, New Mexico. UFO enthusiasts identify this location as the site of a huge underground joint human/alien base. Others believe the "alien base" to be government disinformation intended to confuse the real nature of the Dulce operation. (3)

In his notes Casolaro mentions "MJ 12 — extraterrestrial", alleged by the more excitable end of the UFO research spectrum to be a super-secret US military group charged with signing a non-aggression pact with space aliens. (4) He also mentions "Area #51," and "Pine Gap". Area #51 (Area 51) is a military test site in Nevada for advanced aerial weaponry. Although only through a recent job-hazards lawsuit has the Air Force begun to admit to the existence of the base, Area



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51 has long been known as the staging ground for the U2 spy plane, the SR17 Blackbird, and is much-rumored as the home of the post-Stealth marvel called the Aurora. In 1989, someone named Bob Lazar went public with claims that he had worked at Area 51, taking apart and reverse-engineering alien space craft. Although even UFO skeptics acknowledge consistencies in Lazar's stories, his efforts at documenting his credentials and work history have met with some doubt. (5)

Pine Gap is the top secret underground American base located near Alice Springs in Australia, officially known as the Joint Defense Space Research Facility. (6) Pine Gap allegedly serves as the central American base for the monitoring of spy satellites and interception and decoding of various forms of broadcast communications between foreign powers unfriendly to the US. Pine Gap was built in 1968, ostensibly as a means of sharing space program data with the Australians. Opposition to the base grew as it became clearer that it had a more prosaic purpose—espionage. In his 1987 book *Crimes of Patriots*, author Jonathan Kwitny demonstrates that CIA manipulation led to the

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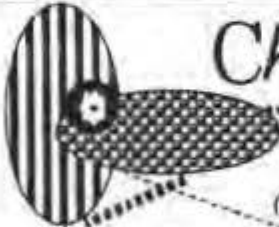
early end in Australia of the administration of Labor Party PM Gough Whitlam, in part because of his opposition to Pine Gap. Indeed, Whitlam was roused after his public complaints about intelligence agency deceptions over the tragic US policy in East Timor, and the CIA's funding of Australia's right-wing Country Party. By a quirk of Australia's constitution, Whitlam was not driven from office by an election, but was removed by a governor-general he had appointed, one who had strong ties to the CIA. (7) No doubt the paranoia about this destabilization of the US ally down under fueled other rumors among locals about the underground Pine Gap base involving alien/government collaboration (8), rumors privy to Danny Casolaro.

One early page of Casolaro's notes seemingly tied together Area 51, Pine Gap, a small Pennsylvania town called Tonoma, and possibly one of its citizens, someone named Fred Dick. Perhaps tracing one of many convoluted dead ends that Casolaro's traced, the authors of this book dispatched an investigator to the "Tonoma, PA" in the notes, but failed to find Dick, even after placing a classified in the local newspaper, or any indication of what may have linked him to the two mysterious military bases. (9) Buried in notes written much later, however, were references to Tonomopah, Nevada, near Area 51. Fred Dick,

however, remains a mystery.

Casolaro's interest in the UFO world may have begun with Michael Riconosciuto. Riconosciuto had a proclivity for flights of flying saucer fancy going back at least a generation. After Casolaro's death, he told one computer magazine that Casolaro had learned nothing more than what one of two intelligence agency factions wanted him to know in order to embarrass the other faction. One faction was called Aquarius and had a leadership sub-group called MJ-12. (10) Riconosciuto even told one writer that he had witnessed the autopsy of an alien body. The writer concluded that Riconosciuto "would have told anyone anything to get out of prison." (11)

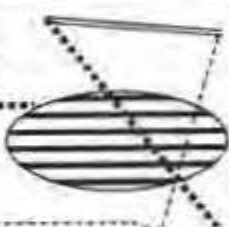
Rumors also had it that Riconosciuto had worked for Lear Aircraft in Reno, Nevada. This connected him to both Bill Lear, creator of the Lear Jet, and often claimed by UFO buffs as having done research on anti-gravity for the government, as well as John Lear, Jr., a former CIA pilot who also hit the UFO circuit with tales of saucers and aliens in cahoots with the US government. Lear, and Bob Lazar comprise a faction within the ufological sub-culture that still maintains a regular presence at its gatherings. Other members of this nexus have included the redoubtable William Cooper, whose 1991 book, *Behold A Pale Horse*, shared the title of the first draft proposal of Casolaro's



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manuscript and became a cult classic for its examination of Area 51, its reprinting of the anti-Semitic Protocols of the Elders of Zion, and its claim that JFK was shot by the driver of his car in the presidential motorcade. To a lesser extent the nexus also included Gordon Novel, by rumor and confession a minor player in the Kennedy assassination and the Watergate scandal. Some have suggested that the bizarre tales of extraterrestrials coming from this nexus serve as disinformation to deflect attention away from serious issues such as gun-running and black project weapons development. (12)

Riconosciuto had his own inter-generational connection to the UFO lore, and his own link to the Kennedy assassination. His father Marshall had been a business associate of Fred Crisman, a man involved in one of the earliest UFO incidents to follow pilot Kenneth Arnold's famed flying discs over Mt. Ranier in 1947, something called the Maury Island incident. (13) Arnold, in fact,



FLYING SAUCER CRASH RETRIEVAL RUMORS MOUNTED IN 1947 NEAR THE RICONOSCIUTO STOMPING GROUND IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON.

Investigated claims by Crisman and another man named Harold Dahl that Dahl, his son, his dog and two others witnessed six saucers as the crew boated around the harbor at Puget Sound, along the shore of Maury Island. This was near where Casolaro spent time years later looking for a tape that Danger Man Riconosciuto had tossed, supposedly documenting threats he had received from Peter Videnieks of the US Justice Department. Dahl's child was burned and the dog killed when one of the saucers spewed metallic debris on the boat. Crisman and Dahl mailed metal fragments of the debris to *Amazing Stories* editor Ray Palmer, who hired Kenneth Arnold himself to investigate. Confused by what he was hearing from Crisman and Dahl, Arnold called in two Air Force Intelligence officers. They conducted some interviews, collected some of the debris, and were headed back to home base on a B-25 when an explosion on their early morning flight killed them both. The Maury Island incident was written off for years as a hoax (14), but recent research



CASOLARO'S BODY WAS FOUND HERE WITH AN UNCON-
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suggests otherwise, bringing up the possibility that Crisman used his possession of the saucer debris as a means to a career among the spooks. (15)

Flying saucer crash retrieval rumors mounted in 1947 near the Riconosciuto stomping ground in Tacoma, Washington. The *Tacoma News Tribune* reported upon a retrieval by William Guy Bannister, the FBI Special Agent in Charge of the area at the time. (16) Bannister became famous much later in life when he shared office space with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in New Orleans, possibly employing Lee Harvey Oswald as an *agent provocateur*. Crisman, too, had been connected to Oswald via a subpoena from the investigation of JFK's death by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison. Some alleged that Crisman was one of the three hoboes photographed after their arrest in the railroad yard behind the infamous grassy knoll on November 22, 1963. Crisman was notably silent about both Maury Island and JFK in his 1970 memoir of life in Tacoma, entitled *Murder of a City*, written under the pseudonym of Jon Gold. (17) He did have warm comments about Marshall Riconosciuto, however, and recounted that the young Michael "had discovered several electronic bugs" at his father's office.

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Jim Keith's latest book *OKBomb!* also is available from IllumiNet. Keith also has authored *Black Helicopters Over America*, *Casebook on Alternative Three* and has edited the volumes *The Gemstone File* and *Secret and Suppressed*. Still esteemed for his old zine *Dharma Combat*, Keith often contributes to *Steamshovel Press*.



Michael Riconosciuto as boy wonder.

VIRUS WARS: Does HIV Cause AIDS?

BY ALAN CANTWELL JR., M.D.

Imagine going to the doctor to get the results of your HIV AIDS blood test. For years you have been looking for love, sometimes indulging in risky things to please your partner. You are not promiscuous, but you're no angel either.

Finally the moment you dread has arrived. The doctor sits you down. He has impeccable credentials: a famous Berkeley professor of molecular and cell biology, he was one of the first virologists to map out the structure of AIDS-like retroviruses back in the early 1970s. At age 59, he is a member of the prestigious National Academy of Sciences and was once a candidate for the Nobel Prize for his virus research. Supported by grants from the National Cancer Institute, the National Institutes of Health, and the U.S. Public Health Service, the professor's research has been published in leading scientific journals.

The doctor smiles, his face reassuring. You break out into a cold sweat as he opens your records and looks you straight in the eye. Your test is positive.

Your life is over. Tears are welling in your eyes and he you can hardly listen to what the professor is saying, but he seems to be telling you that there is nothing to worry about. Please listen carefully, he says. Your positive AIDS test doesn't mean anything except you have encountered the virus called HIV. Your body has recognized the virus and now it has produced protective antibodies to the HIV virus, and that's a good sign. Don't worry. HIV is harmless. It doesn't cause AIDS and you didn't get it from sex. AIDS is not a contagious or sexually-transmitted disease. Everything will be fine. And you can have sex without fear. And don't let anyone give you AZT. That drug will make AIDS.

You can hardly believe what you are hearing. You thought a positive test meant AIDS. Nonsense, he says. AIDS is caused by drugs, the

kind people take for recreation and sex. That is the real cause of AIDS. You don't take drugs, do you? No, not really, you respond. Good, then you won't get AIDS.

OK. Now let's get back to reality.

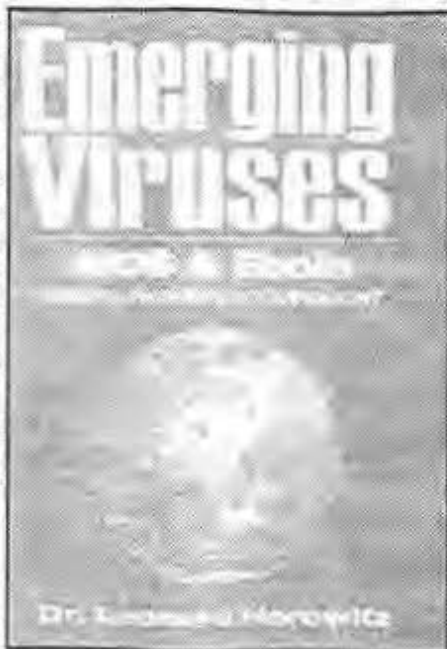
By insisting that HIV doesn't cause AIDS, Peter Duesberg, Ph.D. and his followers have evoked the wrath of the AIDS establishment. With no good treatment or vaccine in sight, Duesberg's ideas appeal to people who think the AIDS experts don't know what the hell they are doing. Predictions of one billion people infected with AIDS by the year 2025 hardly fosters confidence in AIDS scientists.

If HIV doesn't cause AIDS, why have so many gays died of the disease? According to Duesberg, HIV is picked up by sexual promiscuity combined with intravenous drug use. When

interviewed in *Spin* magazine, Duesberg claimed: Virtually all heterosexual Americans and Europeans who had AIDS are intravenous drug users. And the homosexuals who get AIDS had hundreds if not thousands of sexual contacts. This is not achieved with your conventional testosterone. It is achieved with chemicals. Those are the risk groups. They inhale poppers, they use amphetamines, they take Quaaludes, they take amyl nitrite, they take cocaine and aphrodisiacs. He thinks the high incidence of Kaposi's sarcoma (the so-called gay cancer) is caused by the widespread use of poppers and nitrites by homosexual men.

Duesberg's appraisal of HIV as a harmless virus offers solace to some gay men who are HIV-positive. His pronouncements also appeal to people who don't want to practice safer sex.

Duesberg thinks AIDS in Africa is not due to HIV at all, but caused by malnutrition, parasites, and poor sanitation. Half the hemophiliacs in the U.S. are HIV-positive, but the professor says they are dying from the same diseases they always had, only now doctors are calling it AIDS. What about other people who get AIDS from blood transfusions? Blood normally contains many microbes, not just HIV, he declares. Why are there so few lesbians with AIDS? He says lesbian drug habits are the same as heterosexuals, and they don't use nitrites and amphetamines as



do gay men.

Duesberg asserts there is no proof that HIV causes AIDS because Koch's Postulates (the definitive method to prove that a microbe causes a specific disease) have never been demonstrated with the HIV virus. Furthermore, Duesberg says HIV doesn't kill cells. Virus infections traditionally act quickly and don't take 10 or 20 years to develop like AIDS. And no virus could cause the 25 or more diseases that are now included in the definition of AIDS.

Although most virologists believe HIV and other retroviruses are implicated in cancer, Duesberg dismisses such ideas as dead wrong. After studying retroviruses for over a quarter century, he insists retroviruses could never cause cancer, AIDS, or any other disease!

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To prove his point, Peter Duesberg tells reporters he wouldn't be afraid to be injected with HIV. In a *New York Native* interview (July 6, 1987), Duesberg claims he would allow himself to be injected with HIV, but he told Robert Gallo, M.D. (the co-discoverer of the AIDS virus) that the virus couldn't come from your laboratory. It would have to be cleaner than that. With Gallo's HIV virus, something else could be transmitted, something that could be the real cause of AIDS.

At that time (1987), Duesberg acknowledged that he did not know what caused AIDS. I doubt that it could be a known virus or bacterium, because viruses are simply not seen, and most of the bacteria respond to antibiotics, which I'm sure have been tried and have not been effective. So I really wonder what it could be.

Nine years later, Duesberg has still not injected himself with HIV. In a letter to the *Los Angeles Times* (August 7, 1994) he wrote: If prominent AIDS officials can be pinned down to declare which strain of the virus supposedly causes AIDS, and under which conditions, we will gladly do so.

The AIDS and cancer establishments have retaliated against Duesberg's heresies by cutting

off his research grants and by disavowing any professional association with him. When asked about Duesberg, Gallo told William Booth of the *Journal Science*, "I cannot respond without shrieking."

Ignoring Duesberg is difficult. As a media gadfly he has attained a certain notoriety. A *Los Angeles Times* reporter refers to his ego as planet-sized and recites a story where Duesberg is asked in court who is the most respected molecular biologist. Without hesitation, Duesberg proclaims, "I am." When the judge admonishes him to be more humble, Duesberg quickly snaps back: "But your honor, I am under oath!"

In an attempt to set the record straight, Robert Gallo in his book *Virus Hunting* devotes ten pages to discrediting Duesberg. Gallo writes that the method of proof required by Koch's Postulates was set up a century ago when viruses were not even known. Physicians recognize that these postulates don't work well for many virus diseases, and frequently don't work for bacterial diseases either. In truth, the postulates fail totally in syphilis and leprosy, two infectious diseases caused by bacteria. It is well-known, but never mentioned by Duesberg, that the bacteria causing these diseases have never been cultured in a laboratory, thus precluding the proof required by Koch.

Praising Duesberg's outstanding contributions to molecular virology, Gallo nonetheless notes that Duesberg is not an epidemiologist, a physician, or a public health official; nor has he ever worked on any naturally occurring disease of animals or on any disease of humans, including AIDS. Nor, I believe, has he ever worked with HIV.

Gallo claims that HIV can be demonstrated in almost every AIDS case with newer techniques of viral identification and isolation. He chides Duesberg's assertion that the AIDS HIV antibody blood test is meaningless, as well as his idea that HIV antibodies are protective. On the contrary, Gallo adds that decades of clinical experience in infectious disease indicate that most antibodies are not protective at all.

Duesberg's heresies enrage virologists who have worked feverishly to prove that viruses, especially retroviruses, are at the root of human cancer and new diseases like AIDS. Animal cancer viruses are now routinely used in human genetic experiments to taxi in replacement molecular material into the patient's cells. By constantly insisting that HIV can't cause AIDS, Duesberg ignores principles of virology based on decades of

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animal research. Not surprisingly, the National Cancer Institute has retaliated by discontinuing his research funding.

More importantly, Duesberg ignores what has been learned from accidental human exposure to HIV. For example, on July 25, 1987, at Sacramento's Mercy Hospital in California, a 38 year-old nurse accidentally sat down on a syringe filled with several milliliters of blood drawn from an AIDS patient. Fearing the worst, JoAnn Ruiz consulted an infectious disease specialist who ran blood tests and warned her about a flu-like illness that might occur within a month if she was exposed to HIV.

Six days after the accident, she came down with the flu. Her physician reassured her this was probably just regular flu. To her relief, her HIV test was reported as negative. However, in late August, JoAnn was still feeling poorly, and new blood tests showed severe blood abnormalities indicating immune depression. On September 15th, less than two months after the needle stick, her HIV test turned positive. She also showed signs of a yeast infection of the mouth, which can be an early sign of AIDS.

JoAnn Ruiz died of AIDS in June 1991. She was one of the first health-care workers to become infected with HIV in the workplace. Since that time, the CDC has documented several dozen similar cases. Duesberg might argue that JoAnn's death was not caused by HIV because blood contains all sorts of infectious microbes. But to physicians, the evidence linking HIV to her death is clear from the history, laboratory, and clinical findings in this case. At any rate, Duesberg has never agreed to be injected with blood from an AIDS patient.

The ongoing feud between Robert Gallo and Luc Montagnier of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, concerning which scientist was the original discoverer of HIV, hasn't helped the AIDS establishment's image. Unlike Gallo, Montagnier now says that co-factors, particularly mycoplasma

microbes, are necessary for HIV to initiate full-blown AIDS. Gallo rejects this finding and thinks the mycoplasma idea has no merit. And Gallo believes HIV comes from Africa, but Montagnier says there is no proof for this. Gallo thinks HIV originated from African green monkeys, but some molecular biologists say this is impossible.

AIDS science is filled with peculiarities which have not been adequately explained. Why did AIDS affect only white young gay men initially? In *Virus Hunting* Gallo writes that viruses do select by sex, for many obvious and logical reasons, and adds that the least risk of sexual transmission is to a man by a woman. But, before the strange and mysterious outbreak of AIDS, viruses never selected by sex. And if what Gallo says is true, why do men comprise half the AIDS cases in Africa and Asia?

Why is Kaposi's sarcoma the leading form of cancer in gay men with AIDS? Drugs can play a role, as Duesberg insists. Back in the early 1970s and before AIDS, physicians learned that deliberate immunodepression of the immune system by prescribed drugs could increase the incidence of KS tremendously. This occurred in kidney transplant cases when immunosuppressive drugs caused the incidence of KS to skyrocket 400 to 500 times normal.

KS has been studied for a century. Before the epidemic this tumor was occasionally diagnosed in older men of Jewish and Italian heritage, but it was exceedingly rare in women and was never seen in African-Americans. However, in blacks in Central Africa, KS is a common form of cancer. Before AIDS, KS was never thought to be a sexually-transmitted disease because this cancer never spread sexually from one person to another, and husbands never transmitted it to their wives. Except for transplant cases, KS was never connected to immunodeficiency.

The introduction of HIV into the gay community in the late 1970s transformed KS from a rarely seen disease into the scarlet letter of AIDS. By 1985, the incidence of KS in never-married men in Manhattan increased 1850 times; in San Francisco the rate of KS increased over 2000 times!

My own published KS research shows that bacteria can be found in KS tumors, as well as in the swollen lymph nodes of AIDS, and in damaged organs at autopsy. These microbes are similar to cancer-associated bacteria which have been demonstrated in various forms of cancer by scientists for over a century. Unlike regular bacteria, cancer microbes cannot be eradicated by

antibiotics.

Ignoring the published findings of bacteria in KS, Duesberg still blames drugs for KS in gay men; and Gallo still maintains we have looked for 7 years, and we haven't found any other virus or microbe in KS. That does n't mean it is not there, it means neither we nor anyone else has yet found the missing link.

Also ignored by Duesberg and his followers are continuing studies that prove HIV is intimately involved with AIDS. A recently published study of a large group of gay men in Vancouver, Canada, is only one example. Professor Martin Schecter and a team of epidemiologists monitored the HIV blood test and the sex and drug activity of 715 healthy gays for over 8 years. As time went by, 136 men came down with

AIDS, and every single one of them was part of the group of 365 individuals that were HIV-positive. Most of the men who remained HIV-negative admitted to high-risk sex without a condom, and their drug use was similar to the men who were HIV-positive. However, all the men who were HIV-negative had normal blood tests, including normal numbers of immune cells. In essence, the study showed that despite unsafe sex and recreational drugs, the immune system was not affected unless the men were infected with HIV.

Of course, like most laboratory tests in medicine, the accuracy of the HIV blood test is not 100%. But additional confirmatory tests can determine whether a person has AIDS or not. There are reports of a few AIDS cases that are HIV-negative, perhaps due to infection with certain strains of HIV that escape lab detection. Nevertheless, these facts do not negate the conclusion that HIV causes AIDS.

Why is Duesberg destroying his career, his reputation, and his livelihood, by promoting the

view that HIV is harmless? Does he know something we don't?

Interviewed in *Praxis*, he states: "It's like I've gone out of the convoy. If I succeed in my mission, then I'm threatening them very seriously. I'm treated a bit like the enemy from within because I know all of their trade secrets, their tricks, and their jargon and why the claims were made and how they came together."

As a physician and AIDS researcher who doesn't believe Gallo's official theory that AIDS comes from African green monkeys and the rain forest, I tend to read between the lines. I don't totally trust a government and its scientists who have a terrible history of secretly experimenting on unsuspecting people. I am suspicious when a new

virus pops up exclusively in homosexuals, especially when they have just come out of the closet and volunteered as guinea pigs for virus experiments. The U.S. government has an awful reputation of secretly experimenting on old people, poor people, sick people, blacks, indigenous people, pregnant women, retarded and mentally ill people, and babies. So why not gay people?

When Duesberg trashes Gallo and reminds us that since there were no deadly viruses in the Western World since the 50s, at least some were

invented in the laboratories, is he referring to the AIDS virus? And when Gallo writes in *Virus Hunting*, sometimes virologists have a virus in search of a disease, is he talking about some laboratory biological weapon the government wants to test on gay people or other undesirables?

And what about slow viruses purported to cause Mad Cow Disease and incurable nerve diseases like kuru and so-called Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease that is now rotting the brains of Englishmen who eat contaminated British beef?

In their book *Why We Will Never Win the*



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War on AIDS (1994). Duesberg and Bryan Ellison also believe slow viruses are a myth. They are critical of Carleton Gajdusek, who received a Nobel Prize in 1976 for his discovery of an



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unconventional virus in kuru and C-J disease. Gajdusek, a virologist at the National Institutes of Health for decades, began studying cases of kuru in New Guinea in 1957. He claimed the disease was transmitted through the cannibalistic practice of eating human brains.

Ellison and Duesberg debunk Gajdusek's kuru research and his cannibal theory, explaining that he received a Nobel Prize for the kuru and C-J viruses he has still never found and that cannibalism could not be verified by other scientists and sociologists. They describe Gajdusek as an unmarried and emotionally insecure man with no interest in women, who has adopted thirty-four children, almost all boys, from obscure villages of New Guinea.

One week after Britain's mad cow disease made international headlines, Gajdusek was arrested and charged with child abuse and perverted sex practices. According to *The New York Times* (April 6, 1996), Gajdusek, 72, has been accused of molesting a teen-ager he brought home

from Micronesia in 1987. And investigators are now taking a closer look at all the children he has brought into the United States. Authorities also found no evidence that any of these children were legally adopted. Gajdusek was previously accused of child abuse in 1989, but charges were dropped because victims would not cooperate.

While virologists air their dirty linen and scientific disagreements in print, the HIV debate continues. Obviously Professor Duesberg and Doctor Gallo can't both be right about HIV and the cause of AIDS. But could they both be hiding the truth about HIV and its introduction into the gay and Black African populations? Could their dispute be diverting us from asking crucial questions about AIDS and its origin?

Questions that Duesberg and Gallo never address:

If AIDS in Africa is a Black heterosexual epidemic, how could it have started in the U.S. exclusively in young white homosexuals?

Was the introduction of HIV into the homosexual community an accident of nature, or a deliberate seeding of a laboratory cancer virus into the environment?

What is the role of mycoplasma and cancer microbes in AIDS, and why is this research suppressed?

Are cancer viruses, which form the basis of new genetic experiments, the cause of cancer? or are they laboratory creations, as Duesberg suggests?

Can these laboratory cancer viruses now used experimentally to make us well, also be used to make us sick?

It is unlikely that Duesberg and Gallo will ever provide satisfactory answers to these questions. In the meantime, people are urged to use common sense to avoid catching AIDS. And people should be relieved to know that Peter Duesberg, Ph.D., can't practice medicine without a license.

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New Neal Cassady Document

BY TOM CHRISTOPHER



Steamshovel Debris: Neal Cassady, known as Dean Moriarty in Kerouac's *On The Road* and by other names in other Beat writings, was too hip a hipster to put much of it down on paper. His only book, autobiographical notes entitled *The First Third*, told a bit of his history, but much of the rest comes from tapes, transcripts and third party accounts that celebrate Cassady as the Dionysian Beat party animal and say little about "a man so balled up," as Cassady described himself on the jacket of *First Third*. An important new volume, *Neal Cassady Volume One: 1926-1940*, has just been produced that begins to correct that shortcoming in history's understanding of this remarkable character. It includes four pages of previously unpublished Neal Cassady writing, photos, school records and other documents that reflect more about pre-*First Third* Cassady than any other source. The following excerpt from *Volume One*, a Catholic Charities report on the young Cassady and his childhood environment, illuminates that pre-history.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

J. K. Mullen Home For Boys
Ft. Logan, Colorado

Boy's History:

Neal Cassady was born, 2-8-26 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was baptized in 1938 at Camp Santa Maria and made his First Communion at Camp Santa Maria in 1938. He was Confirmed at the

Church of the Holy Ghost in Denver during 1939. He is at the present attending Cole Junior High School and will enter 9-A in the fall of 1940. He is the son of Neal and Jean Daly Cassady. Mrs. Cassady died in Denver in May 1936.

After the death of his mother, Neal lived with a half-brother, Jack Daly. However in October, 1939, Neal returned to his father as his half-brother had been remarried and the second wife did care for the boy.

Father:

Neal Cassady, Sr., was born 9-7-93 in Unionville, Missouri. He is a member of the United Brethren Church. He has worked as a barber but in the last few years has been employed on the WPA project at Fitzsimons General Hospital.

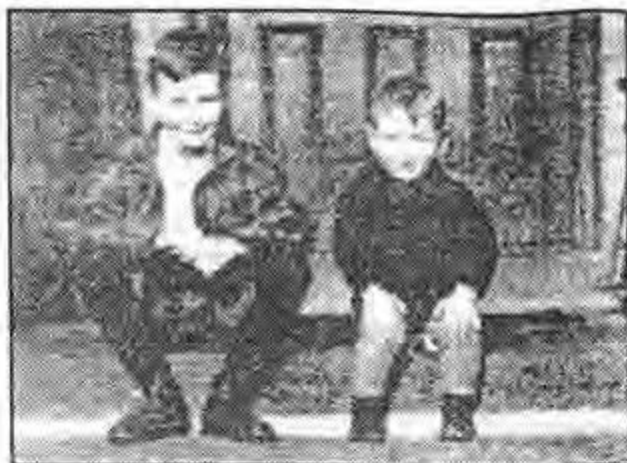
Mother: Cassady Children:

Jean Daly Cassady was born in Minnesota and was 44 years of age at the time of her death in 1936 in Denver. She had married Neal Cassady, Sr. in 1925. Judge Lindsay performed the ceremony. Previous to her marriage to Mr. Cassady, Mrs. Cassady was the wife of James Daly, deceased. She had five children by her first marriage. All the children of her second marriage are Neal Cassady, born 2-8-26, and Shirley Jean, born 5-22-30.

Catholic Charities Contact:

The case first became known to Catholic Charities shortly after the death of Mrs. Cassady. Plans were being asked by the relatives for her son, James Daly, then 15 years old. The boy was the only minor child of the first marriage. In a short contact with this office a job was secured for James and the relatives accepted responsibility of his care. The Cassady case came to the attention of the Catholic Charities in the Fall of 1939, when Mr. Cassady asked plans for Shirley Jean. It was found that Mr. Cassady was living in the home of a XXXXXX at XXXXXX. Mrs. XXXXXX was working on WPA and was the mother of two boys, the eldest of whom was employed at Hendrie & Boltoff, and the younger boy attending high school. The XXXXXX family is non-Catholic. Some years ago Mr. XXXXXX had deserted his wife and their children. the wife has not heard from him since.

During the course of our investigation, Mr.



IT IS RECOMMENDED VERY STRONGLY BY THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES THAT NEAL CASSADY BE CONSIDERED FOR THE J. K. MULLEN HOME FOR BOYS.

Cassady changed his mind and did not wish to place his daughter. A little later, however, Mr. Cassady was found to be caring for the child in a cheap rooming house and to have been in a drunken state for some time. The case was taken into the Court and the custody of Shirley Jean given to Catholic Charities. She was placed in St. Clara's on 10-17-39. the girl has never been baptized.

Mr. Cassady has been known to the Denver Police Department for some years and has been frequently picked up on drunken charges. There is no possible opportunity for a child to be raised Catholic as long as they remain with him. Furthermore, his living with Mrs. XXXXXX brings about a very questionable situation since there is no proof of Mr. XXXXXX's death. Since Neal has been in the XXXXXX home, he has missed Mass frequently and has been subjected to a non-Catholic atmosphere. It was not until 1938 that Neal was afforded the opportunity of going to Camp Santa Maria that he was able to be baptized in the Faith of his mother.

School Adjustment:

The school reports and adjustment of Neal in Cole Jr. High School since grade 7B through 9B show a significant correlation with home conditions. On entry to Cole Jr. High Neal was found to have an IQ of 120. He was placed in what was termed a

"core" class, that is a group of advanced pupils. He passed 7B satisfactorily and in 7A achieved a rating of Honors which classed him as one of the outstanding pupils in the school. In grade 8B he received a rating of satisfactory, a standing lower than the previous honor rating. In grade 8A he was taken out of "core" class and placed in a regular 8A class, an indication that he was not doing the work that justified his placement in the higher group. In grade 8A he received 4 C's and 3 B's; his work of the last semester in grade 9B is as follows:

Spanish D; Latin C; Earth Science D; Social Science B; Jr. Business Training C; Music C; Health Program C.

It was during the past semester that the first instance of the boy's being truant occurred. It is significant to note that the gradual downhill indication in the boy's school work coincides with the home situation he was experiencing. Near the time that he was taken out of the "core" group, the boy was rejected from Daly home. The low grades of the last semester indicate the boy's residence with his father and the XXXXXX family. It is felt that the boy has lost none of his ability, but his unhealthy environment contributed to his poorer school adjustment.

Recommendation:

It is recommended very strongly by the Catholic Charities that Neal Cassady be considered for the J. K. Mullen Home for Boys. The boy is most anxious to enter and will most likely make a fine adjustment in the institution. Furthermore, his faith will be safeguarded; otherwise, it is felt that from the family situation there is some danger of his not being raised in the Church as a practical Catholic.

Edward F. Owens

Situation:

Mr. Cassidy in CO on 9-25-39 asking placement for his daughter, Shirley Jean, age 9 years, he stated that at present Mrs. XXXXXX, a friend of Mr. Cassady's is caring for the child; she is unable to do so further.

9-26-39



MR. CASSADY, EXTREMELY DRUNK, MET WORKER ON FRONT PORCH AND ATTEMPTED TO STEER HIM INTO HIS OWN ROOM. WORKER TALKED WITH MRS. KLARENBECK WHO WAS VERY INDIGNANT OVER THE ENTIRE SITUATION. SHE SAID THAT SHE HAD BEEN UP ALL NIGHT WITH THE RACKET WHICH MR. CASSADY HAD BEEN CAUSING. SHE THREATENED TO CALL THE POLICE IF IMMEDIATE ACTION WAS NOT TAKEN.

Visited at XXXXXX. This is the home of Mrs. XXXXXX and her two sons. XXXXXX and XXXXXX. Mrs. XXXXXX is divorced and is working on a WPA Art Project at City Park Museum. Her oldest son, XXXXXX, is a clerk at the Hendrie Bolthoff Company. Her younger son, XXXXXX, goes to high school.

Mr. Cassidy and his daughter were present at the time. The principle reason for placement, he pointed out, was the fact that two complaints had already been registered against Mrs. XXXXXX. These were to the effect that Shirley Jean was living at the XXXXXX home and that Mr. Cassidy was paying for her care. Therefore, the complainants felt that Mrs. XXXXXX was receiving extra income and should therefore not be employed on WPA. Mrs. XXXXXX showed extreme anxiety in the prospect of losing her job and stated that she had already received two notices from WPA that the girl must not be in the home any longer.

In talking over the problem of placement, worker pointed out that since Mr. Cassidy himself was working on a steady WPA job at Fitzsimmons Hospital earning \$55.00, it was possible that he may be interested in boarding home placement. He retorted that he had tried this form of care several times in the past but with little success and that institutionalization would probably be much more satisfactory.

Worker pointed out that he would submit the request to the Placement Committee and that he would get in touch with WPA, pointing out that DCC was on the case and that plans would soon be made. Mrs. XXXXXX was extremely fearful of any contact with WPA, attempting to formulate the conversation and information he should have the WPA. This was to the effect that the girl had only been a short time with her and that she was receiving no compensation for her care. Mr. Cassidy further added that he made no cash monthly payment but rather bought clothes and food intermittently.

9-27-39

XXXXXX telephoned stating that his mother did not wish worker to call WPA and that Mr. Cassidy was going to rent an apartment and care for Shirley himself.

9-28-39

Case presented to Placement Committee and placement approved.

Later

Mr. Cassidy in CO. He stated very definitely that he did not want to place the girl. Said he had located an apartment but that he did not know the lady's name in charge. He stated that he would paid 9-30-39 and asked that rent be guaranteed by CO to that time. This was granted.

9-29-39

Mr. Cassidy in CO. He said that he had rented one room at XXX and that he would guarantee the rent personally to Mrs. Klarenbeck and gave a \$1.50 grocery order to Mr. Cassidy at Chris' Food Store. Mr. Cassidy said that he would reimburse DCC on his next pay day.

9-30-39

Worker visited Mrs. Klarenbeck and guaranteed rent.

10-3-39

Mrs. Klarenbeck telephoned asking worker to come to her address immediately as it was most urgent.

Later

Visited: Mr. Cassidy, extremely drunk, met worker on front porch and attempted to steer him into his own room. Worker talked with Mrs. Klarenbeck who was very indignant over the entire situation. She said that she had been up all night with the racket which Mr. Cassidy had been causing. She threatened to call the police if immediate action was not taken.

Worker took Mr. Cassidy to his room. Owing to his drunk condition a little could be discussed intelligently. Mr. Cassidy said that his daughter was at Mrs. XXXXXX's and that Mrs. XXXXXX had received notice of her discharge from WPA. Worker attempted to get Mr. Cassidy to remain in his room all day to sober up. He was unable to tell the day of the week and was not sure to the status of his own job owing to his two or three day "spree".

10-5-39

Called at Rendrie & Bolthoff and saw XXXXXX. He is a nice appearing young man of about 20 years of age. Worker explained briefly his contact with the case and pointed out that it was rumored his mother had been discharged or was in danger of discharge from her job. In addition there was some feeling that DCC was the cause of this situation. Worker pointed out that on the contrary DCC is attempting to help Mr. Cassidy and that no contact had been made whatsoever regarding his mother. XXXXXX said that he did not know as to the status of his mother's job. He was very appreciative of the worker's visit and seemed to understand the function of DCC in this case.

10-7-39

Miss Ford, neighbor of XXXXXX, telephoned saying that she had been keeping Shirley for the past few days and that she could do so no longer. Worker explained that Mr. Cassidy was unwilling to place the girl and that DCC could do little in the situation. When it was pointed out that DCC could take the case on a court basis, Mrs. Ford said she would call the court in.

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Later

Mr. Carlson, Juvenile Court, telephoned that Mrs. Smith had recommended the case to him and he would put the case on the calendar as soon as possible.

10-11-39

Custody

Case heard by Judge Madden. Present were: Mr. Cassidy, Miss Ford, Mr. Carlson, police officer and worker. The testimony of Mr. Carlson and the police officer was to the effect that at the death of Shirley's mother, the girl was placed with her aunt, Mrs. Betty Cooper on their request to the court. This arrangement held till the first of this year when Shirley was given to her father. Over the period of the last few years, there has been many complaints of drunkenness against Mr. Cassidy. Worker told the court that DCC would accept the girl if it were so decided. Judge Madden gave the custody of Shirley Jean to the DCC and ordered Mr. Cassidy to pay into the register of the court, the sum of \$7.50 twice a month and in addition to provide such clothing as was necessary.

10-14-39

Visited Mrs. Jack Daly, wife of Shirley's mother's brother. The Dalys at XXXXXX have raised Shirley's brother, Neal Cassidy, Jr., aged 14, since the death of his mother. It was verified thru Mrs. Jack Daly that Shirley had never been baptized. They stated that the mother was a Catholic and they were raising Neal, Jr., in the faith. They said they would be glad to stand for Shirley when she is baptized.

10-16-39

Stopped at Ebert School and secured Shirley's school report and transfer. Shirley was then taken to AMC for examination.

10-17-39

Miss Graef, AMC, called to report that Shirley's culture was negative.

Placed

Took Shirley to St. Clara's.

10-28-39

Mr. Cassidy in CO stating that Jack Daly had brought Neal Jr. back to Mr. Cassidy inasmuch as Mrs. Daly had been expecting confinement within a short time. He said that the present Mrs. Daly is a second wife and does not feel she can raise Neal from now on. Mr. Cassidy asked the advise of worker in securing a lower rate of payment through the Juvenile Court for Shirley. He was anxious that this be accomplished immediately. He said he was to be paid on November 1st, the sum of \$27 and that \$23 of this amount was already outstanding for the Court costs, cleaning bills, two weeks expenses for him and Neal, for barber tools and a suit in hock. The total of these items left \$4 for him and Neal to live on for the next two weeks.

Worker advised that it would be better for him to contact Mr. Carlson of the Juvenile Court direct, and discuss the situation with him. It was emphasized that the expenses which he enumerated should be definitely proved to the Court and strong reason shown whereby a reduction of Court costs would have to be permanent.

Mr. Cassidy was quite jubilant over the fact that Neal was coming to live with him and that he had resolved to give up drinking and move into a better neighborhood and support the boy in the best way possible. Stated he had told Mrs. XXXXXX that he has responsibilities which are greater now and that he could no longer afford to assist her in any manner. Moreover, he felt he could not allow himself any exclusive hold on her and informed her that it would be better for her to affiliate with whom she pleased.

He said he had not secured a room for Neal and himself yet and had asked XXXXXX to take care of the boy for the time being, which she has very "gladly" done. Mr. Cassidy intends his future housekeeping to be on a basis of batching. When the question of finances was again brought up, Mr. Cassidy said he and Mrs. XXXXXX could very well pool their resources and their families and perhaps achieve financial stability, but both feared that neighbors would again complain and that Mrs. XXXXXX would eventually lose her WPA position.

Worker told Mr. Cassidy that it had been proved definitely that Shirley was not baptized, and asked how he felt about the Sacrament being received in

the institution. Mr. Cassidy stated he was heartily in favor of it.

7-19-40

See the attached summary of the case on Neal Cassidy, Junior and the contacts made by the DCC. On this date, application was made for the placement of the boy in the J. K. Mullen Home for Boys. The father was at first opposed and then in favor of the plan. From the reports received from the school, it appeared necessary to remove the boy from his present environment.

8-26-40

Neal was asked to report to the DCC for examination, pending admission to the J. K. Mullen Home for Boys on 8-28-40.

8-28-40

Placed

Neal came to the CO and was taken to the J. K. Mullen School for Boys, where he was given a complete examination. The admissions committee approved this boy and, he remained at the institution from this date on.

Summary to
4-12-41

From the time that Shirley Jean was placed to the present, worker had talked with both Mr. Cassidy and Mrs. XXXXXX on occasions when they came to CO. On one occasion, Mr. Cassidy requested groceries as he had lost his WPA job and had not been able to get the household needs. Mrs. XXXXXX had come to the office several times asking for advice and always stating that Mr. Cassidy had been drinking and was not contributing the way he should. Mrs. XXXXXX has been on ADC receiving \$18 per month for the one boy. Worker talked several times with Dr. Ford, the next door neighbor, who stated that the family situation has improved very little and that she feels that it is very bad for Neal and for his sister, Shirley Jean.

On 8-28-40, Neal Cassidy was placed at the Mullen Home for Boys; however, on 12-31-40, Neal ran away from Mullen Home and could not be located. Worker finally found Neal at his home and was told by the boy that he did not like the discipline nor some of the boys in the home.

Worker had checked with Brother previously and found that he had stolen some athletic equipment before he left.

Neal Cassidy Volume One: 1926-1940 is available for \$5 (includes first class postage; international air-mail: \$7) from Liam Christopher, 17101 135th Pl SW, Vashon, WA 98070, phone: 206-463-3443.

MARCH OF THE MARGINALS

Whatever happened to Matt Love? Haven't seen much of him since his contribution to *The Gemstone File*. Also missing for some time from the marginals scene: Monty Green and *ZEITGEIST*, the zinc he produced as part of the Athens Free Press in Georgia. Writers Bob Black and Jim Hogshire are two people recently seen too frequently, however. Black squealed to police after an encounter with Hogshire, causing the latter much harassment. Full details found in a paper published by Popular Reality, POB 1782, Jackson, MI 49204. Poet and traveling violinist Roy Linker, who holds forth on university ghettos in this issue, recently broke his arm in a bicycle accident. A medical fund has been established; send contributions to the address appearing at the end of his essay. "Universal cancellation of debt on January 1, 2000!" Find out the why and wherefore of the situation in Len Bracken's *Neo-Cataline Conspiracy*, a collection of Extraterritorial essays available for \$5 from Backbone Books, POB 5585, Arlington, VA 22205. Look also for Bracken's book on Guy Debord from Feral House. Bracken's report on the Situationist International appears in a well put together zinc called *Q Zine*, 2336 Market St. #14, San Francisco, CA 94114-1521 (Issue 1.1; \$4). *Steamshovel Press* is now on microfilm! Miami archivist Gordon Winslow has filmed the back issues, along with back issues of *Assassination Inquiry Committee*, *Dateline*, *Dallas*, *Echoes of Conspiracy*, *Executive Action*, *Assassination Forum* and the *Kennedy Chronicle*, all on one roll, for \$8.75, including shipping. From: Gordon Winslow, Archive Manager, Clerk of Court, 9350 NW 12 Street, Miami, FL 33172. He also has 42 rolls of the Warren Commission and the Waggoner Carr Material and Dallas City Archives for \$12/roll.



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JFK Redux:

The Sinister World of David Ferrie

BY JOHN S. CRAIG

Of the vast array of characters surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy, few are more mysterious and enigmatic than David William Ferrie of New Orleans. Before and after the assassination, Ferrie's life is full of mystery, strange activity, and puzzling behavior. Cuban exiles christened him the "master of intrigue." Jim Garrison, New Orleans D.A. during the sixties, called him a key figure in the assassination of the president and "one of history's most important individuals." Robert Morrow, a CIA contract employee from 1959 to 1964, worked with Ferrie on many CIA covert operations and believes that Ferrie was the "mastermind" behind the assassination.

At the time of the assassination Ferrie was a forty-five year old New Orleans resident who was acquainted with some of the most notorious names linked to the assassination: Lee Oswald, Clay Shaw, Guy Banister, Jack Ruby, and Carlos Marcello. He possessed assorted talents and eccentricities. He was a pilot, and at one time a senior pilot with Eastern Airlines until he was fired for homosexual activity on the job. He was also a hypnotist, a serious researcher of the origins of cancer, amateur psychologist, and a victim of a strange disease, alopecia, which made all of his body void of hair. Anti-Castro, anti-Kennedy, and anti-Communist, Ferrie was also a bishop of the Orthodox Old Catholic Church of North America. His odd lifestyle was embellished with an equally bizarre appearance featuring a red toupee and false eyebrows. Investigator and author Harrison Livingstone met Ferrie and remembered him as "an intense and sinister, cynical, disgusting, disheveled individual who was excited at the prospect of preying upon the vulnerable, the helpless, and the innocent."

Ferrie wasn't always anti-Castro. In the fifties he flew guns to Castro's rebel forces as they fought Batista's army in the Sierra Maestra. In 1961 he flew bombing missions over Cuba and sometimes made daring landings to retrieve anti-Castro resistance fighters. When Castro

announced his intentions to become a Communist, and aligned his political philosophy with Khrushchev's Soviet Union, Ferrie turned against him.

Communism in Cuba, and Kennedy's seemingly inability to do anything about it, drove Ferrie to become vociferous in his speech against the president. He turned against Kennedy during the Bay of Pigs debacle. At this time Ferrie became a member of the anti-Castro Cuban Revolutionary Front, financed by New Orleans mafia boss, Carlos Marcello. In March 1962 Ferrie began work as a private investigator for G. Wray Gill, Marcello's New Orleans attorney. This arrangement continued through 1963. Eventually Ferrie worked extensively for Marcello and a New Orleans private investigator, Guy Banister, an ex-FBI agent, anti-Communist, who kept an office at 544 Camp Street in New Orleans, a location known as a hot-bed of sinister activities surrounding right-wing and anti-Castro organizations. He worked with Banister the same time he was employed with Gill. It was at 544 Camp Street that Lee Oswald kept company with Banister and Ferrie.

During his public war on organized crime, documented in his book *The Enemy Within*, Robert Kennedy, as attorney general, deported crime boss Carlos Marcello. Kennedy branded Marcello as an undesirable character who had no positive use for American society. On April 6, 1961 Marcello was whisked away in a plane and dumped on a Guatemalan beach. Two months later Marcello found his way back into the country, possibly with the help of David Ferrie's pilot experience. Marcello privately vowed to get even.

In September of 1962, private investigator Ed Becker met with Ferrie's boss, Carlos "The Little Man" Marcello. He hoped to obtain funds from Marcello for an oil venture. During a whiskey-laced conversation at Marcello's country estate in Louisiana Becker mentioned Marcello's deportation. Marcello angrily announced that Robert Kennedy "would be taken care of." But he hinted that it would be done in a round-about manner. He declared that to kill a dog you don't cut off the tail but the head. The head would be the president, and the plan would include finding a nut to take the blame, "the way they do it in Sicily."

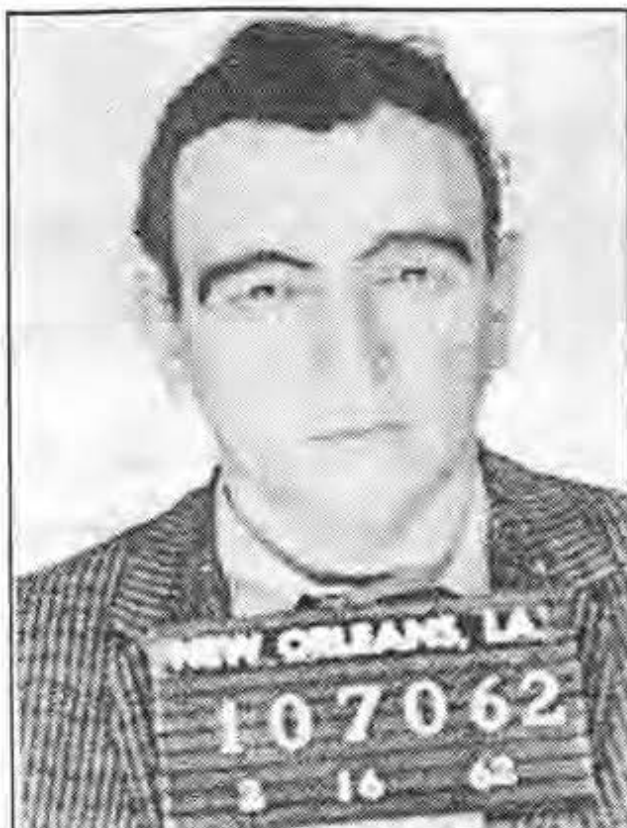
Marcello employed Oswald's uncle Charles Murret as a bookmaker in the New Orleans gambling world. In the 1970's the FBI wiretapped many of Marcello's phone conversations. However, the FBI has refused to release 161 reels of tape

containing these conversations. An FBI informant, Joe Hauser, who claimed he made several of these recordings, told author John H. Davis that Marcello spoke of involvement in the assassination and that he personally knew Oswald.

Though Ferrie officially denied knowing Oswald, it is widely believed that Ferrie met Oswald far before their alleged liaison at 544 Camp Street. In 1955 both Ferrie and Oswald were members of the Louisiana Civil Air Patrol. Ferrie was asked to leave the air patrol just before Oswald joined, but apparently still remained close to the members of the organization. Though Ferrie denied any relationship with Oswald, a former schoolmate claimed that he, Oswald, and Ferrie all worked in the Civil Air Patrol. Several other members of the organization said that Oswald and Ferrie were in the Civil Air Patrol at the same time. A photo taken by John Ciravolo in the summer of 1955 at a Civil Air Patrol picnic shows Ferrie and Oswald together [1]. On the day Oswald handed out pro-Castro leaflets in New Orleans, Ferrie was leading an anti-Castro demonstration a few blocks away. Guy Banister's secretary Delphine Roberts told author Anthony Summers that at least once Oswald and Ferrie went together to a Cuban exile training camp near New Orleans for rifle practice.

In 1954 Oswald joined the Civil Air Patrol. In an interview with *Look* magazine in 1967 Oswald's brother Robert told a reporter, "According to Lee's own later statement, 1954 was the year when he first became interested in communism . . . I can't help wondering whether it might have been Ferrie who introduced Lee to Communist ideas. I realize that I have nothing solid on which to base such a speculation, except the timing."

House Select Committee on Assassinations records released in 1993 revealed a flight plan (HSCA RG 233) dated April 8, 1963. The flight plan that details a pilot named Ferrie flying three passengers, Hidell, Lambert, and Diaz from New Orleans to Garland, Texas. It is well known that Oswald used the alias of A.J. Hidell and more recently there is evidence that Clay Shaw, the subject of Jim Garrison's New Orleans investigation into the assassination, used an alias of Clay Bertrand and Lambert. An affidavit accompanying the HSCA RG 233 document claims that Georgian Edward J. Grinus stated in 1967 that one of Clay Shaw's aliases was Lambert. Several witnesses have maintained that Shaw and Ferrie were seen together at the New Orleans airport; speaking to each other in a limousine; together in Clinton, Louisiana; and at private parties and New Orleans bars. Though Shaw and



BEFORE AND AFTER THE ASSASSINATION, FERRIE'S LIFE IS FULL OF MYSTERY, STRANGE ACTIVITY, AND PUZZLING BEHAVIOR.

Ferrie denied knowing each other, two photos taken in 1949 show both men together at two different social gatherings [2].

In September 1963 Perry Russo, a New Orleans insurance agent, attended a party at Ferrie's apartment. According to Russo, after the party broke up a group of anti-Castro Cubans began talking of the possibilities of assassinating Fidel Castro. Ferrie introduced Russo to a tall, distinguished-looking, white-haired man named Clem Bertrand, whom Garrison believed was an alias of Clay Shaw. Whether Russo really encountered Shaw has been the subject of an acute controversy. Ferrie also introduced Russo to a man named Leon Oswald. The conversation eventually drifted to the subject of Kennedy's inability to control the communists in Cuba. Ferrie dramatically took the floor and discussed the possibility of killing Castro and illustrated his points by showing his audience a map of Cuba, where the assassination team could land, and the



FERRIE'S BRAIN, PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR

routes to and from Havana.

Russo claimed he and Ferrie became friends and had several meetings. Russo said Ferrie at one time spoke of killing Kennedy and blaming it on Castro. This would give anti-Castro activists an excuse to invade Cuba - getting rid of two of Ferrie's enemies, Castro and Kennedy, and opening Cuba to free enterprise. He believed Kennedy could be killed by a triangulation of rifle fire. Ferrie elaborated on his plan of triangulation saying that two shooters would create diversionary shots and the third shooter would make the kill. There would be one shooter who would take the blame.

On Novembers 9, 10 and 16, 17, the two weekends prior to the assassination, Ferrie worked with Carlos Marcello at Marcello's remote farmhouse known as Churchill Farms. When asked about these meetings Ferrie told the F.B.I. that he had worked with Marcello to "map out strategy for Marcello's trial." *The United States v. Carlos Marcello*. It is curious that Marcello would spend so much crucial time together with a man who had no legal training, when he could have conferred with a variety of his legal aides like Gill or deportation expert Jack Wasserman, who played prominently in his cases.

On the day of the assassination Ferrie was in a courtroom with Carlos Marcello. Marcello was found innocent of all charges brought against him by Robert Kennedy. Only hours after the shooting, Marcello attorney C. Wray Gill, visited Ferrie's home with unwanted news. Gill was telephoned by an unknown source in Dallas saying that

Oswald's wallet contained a library card with Ferrie's name on it. Oswald's former landlady in New Orleans was paid a visit by a visibly agitated Ferrie, who wondered if she knew anything about the card. Ferrie then rushed to an ex-neighbor of Oswald's and again asked for any information about the card that she might know, but was again frustrated from finding an answer. Immediately after searching for information about his library card and finding none, Ferrie made a phone call to Houston to reserve a room at the Alamotel, a Carlos Marcello owned motel.

When asked why he took the trip to Houston, Ferrie told federal authorities that he and two male companions drove all night on November 22, 1963, 350 miles, through a fierce thunderstorm to Houston to go goose hunting in Texas. He also claimed the trip was designed to gather information on how to run an ice skating rink, a business he wished to open in New Orleans. On the 23rd of November Ferrie visited the Winterland Skating Rink, managed by Chuck Rolland. Rolland told authorities he never spoke to Ferrie about the skating rink business. All Ferrie did, said Rolland, was make and receive phone calls for hours at a pay phone.

On the afternoon of November 23rd Ferrie called his roommate. Layton Martens told Ferrie that he was being accused of involvement in the assassination. Ferrie returned to New Orleans to find that the FBI and Secret Service had just learned about his library card being found in Oswald's wallet. An FBI teletype from the New Orleans office to FBI headquarters notified Director Hoover that Carlos Marcello's attorney C. Wray Gill had notified Ferrie about the library card. Though someone at the Dallas P.D. had tipped off Gill about the card, and information about it was teletyped to Hoover, an inventory of Oswald's personal property by the Dallas P.D. shows no record of a library card. On the evening of November 23, 1963 Ferrie drove to Galveston, stayed the night and returned to New Orleans the next day. There is no record explaining why Ferrie went to Galveston.

Whether Oswald's wallet contained Ferrie's library card or not, some intriguing questions can be posed concerning the situation. If someone in Dallas safely removed the card from official evidence, why didn't they tell Gill? If Ferrie never knew Oswald, as he claimed, why did he show so much concern about the story? There is the possibility that the card never existed and was used to frame and provoke Ferrie. Framing Ferrie would implicate Marcello, an act that would only



ON FEBRUARY 13, 1964, CANADIAN RICHARD GIESBRECHT UNWITTINGLY OVERHEARD A CONVERSATION BETWEEN TWO MEN IN THE HORIZON ROOM OF THE WINNIPEG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. GIESBRECHT NOTICED THAT ONE OF THE MEN HAD "THE ODDEST HAIR AND EYEBROWS I'D EVER SEEN."

benefit the real assassins. [3] The F.B.I. questioned Gill about how he learned that Ferrie's card had been found with Oswald's affects, but Gill replied he could not recall who told him the "rumor." The F.B.I. dropped the matter. [4]

Garrison, a friend of C. Wray Gill, checked the records of office calls made from Gill's office during November 1963. He found that the records were missing, and that Ferrie had access to the records. Gill told Garrison that Ferrie had made numerous long distance phone calls from Gill's office in 1962 and '63.

Minutes after the assassination an investigation of the Dal-Tex Building, situated at Elm and Houston Streets that overlooked Dealey Plaza, yielded a man named Eugene Brading. Brading had recently had his name changed to Jim Braden. When an elevator man had noticed a suspicious person using the freight elevator, he called the police. The police questioned Braden who said he had taken the elevator to the third floor to find a telephone. The police released him, not knowing his real identity—Eugene Brading, a convicted felon.

Braden had stayed at the now infamous Cabana Motel in Dallas the night before. The Cabana was owned by the Campisi brothers, Joe and Sam, who had close relationships with Jack Ruby and Carlos Marcello. Joe Campisi had

played golf and visited the racetrack with the Marcello brothers on several occasions. In 1978 Campisi proudly told congressional investigators that he sent hundreds of pounds of sausage to Marcello each Christmas. Ruby had visited the Cabana's Egyptian Lounge the night before the shooting, had met with a man named Lawrence Meyers, and made several phone calls, some as late as 2:30 a.m. on the day of the assassination. Early on the day of the assassination, Braden had checked in with parole officers at a Dallas federal courthouse. He

gave his New Orleans address as the same building and floor where David Ferrie kept an office.

On September 24, 1963 Ferrie made a phone call to an apartment building that housed Jean West (aka Jean Aase). Ms. West was the companion of Lawrence Meyers while they stayed at the Cabana Motel the night of the assassination. In 1993 Ms. West claimed that the fifteen minute phone call on September 24, 1963 was between Ferrie and Meyers [5]. Records of Jack Ruby's phone calls in November of 1963 showed that he had also called Jean West's number. Ferrie was known to use an alias of "Farris" on occasions. Though there is no known physical link between Ferrie and Ruby, Jim Garrison claimed that Jack Ruby's address book contained the name of "Farris."

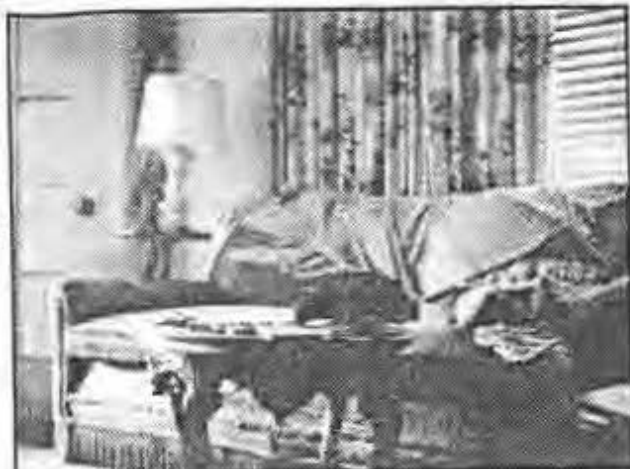
After the assassination, the Secret Service put Marina Oswald under protective custody—a state she remained in for over three months. According to researcher Harold Weisberg, in his book *Oswald in New Orleans*, on November 24, 1963, the day that Oswald was shot by Ruby, Secret Service agents asked Oswald's wife Marina whether she knew a Mr. David Ferrie. She said she did not.

On November 26, 1963 a Georgian businessman, Gene Sumner, told the FBI that he

was sure he saw Oswald accept money from a man he believed was the owner of the Town and Country restaurant in Louisiana. Hoover eventually ordered an investigation of the matter. The Town and Country restaurant was owned by Carlos Marcello. This was a place where Ferrie and Marcello often did business. The FBI questioned a Marcello employee, and Marcello's brother Anthony, concerning Gene Summer's testimony, but nothing came of the investigation.

Other FBI investigations at this time focused on New Orleans. The more agents investigated Ferrie's life the more links they found between Oswald and Ferrie. The relationship surely caused some suspicion in the FBI since they knew Ferrie had a verifiable relationship with Carlos Marcello, the well-known New Orleans underworld figure and hater of Robert Kennedy. Just when the investigation was yielding clearer links between all of these individuals, Director Hoover abruptly closed the investigation of Ferrie December 6, 1963, only two weeks after the assassination. None of the information the FBI collected concerning Ferrie was ever presented to the Warren Commission. David Belin, a former Warren Commission counsel, wrote a book in 1988, *Final Disclosure*, in which he defended the Warren Commission's findings that Oswald was the sole gunman. In his book, Belin never mentions David Ferrie.

On February 13, 1964, Canadian Richard Giesbrecht unwittingly overheard a conversation between two men in the Horizon Room of the Winnipeg International Airport. Giesbrecht noticed that one of the men had "the oddest hair and eyebrows I'd ever seen." He later told the FBI he was certain that the man was David Ferrie. Ferrie's companion was approximately the same age as Ferrie, late forties, wore a hearing aid and spoke with a Latin accent. Giesbrecht heard Ferrie tell his companion that he was concerned about how much Oswald had told his wife about the plot to kill Kennedy. They spoke of the Warren Commission investigation and discussed a man called "Isaacs," his relationship with Oswald, and wondered why he got involved with someone so "psycho" as Oswald. One of the men lamented the fact that Isaacs had been caught on television film sometime during the Dallas motorcade. Ferrie said that "they" had more money than ever. Then Giesbrecht caught a snippet of a conversation relating to a meeting that was to take place in March in Missouri, since there had been no meeting since November of 1963. Giesbrecht immediately contacted the FBI through his



FERRIE'S LIVINGROOM

attorney. He gave details of the conversation and after seeing a picture of Ferrie asserted that he was the man he had seen and heard at the Winnipeg airport. After questioning Giesbrecht and telling him that his information was important and "the break we've been waiting for," the FBI contacted him several months later and told him to forget about the matter since it was too serious and since he was a Canadian, there would be nothing the FBI could do for him if he needed protection. In a 1969 interview Giesbrecht told writer Paris Flammonde that he was 100 per cent certain the man he saw at the Winnipeg Airport was David Ferrie.

The F.B.I. interviewed two "Isaacs" that could possibly have a connection to the case. In March of 1964 Martin Isaacs, a social worker in New York City, was interviewed about his involvement with the Oswalds when they first arrived in the U.S. from Russia. Additionally, the F.B.I. interviewed Charles R. Isaacs in January of 1964, since his place of employment was listed in Jack Ruby's notebook. The F.B.I. reports claim that Martin Isaacs had no knowledge of anything that transpired at the Winnipeg Airport. The report on Charles Isaacs added little to the case, other than the fact that Mrs. Isaacs had worked for Ruby as a wardrobe designer [6].

In November of 1993 a woman contacted author Peter Whitmey and told him that on November 18th or 19th of 1963 she went to the Winnipeg Airport to retrieve a package. While waiting in the Horizon Room she overheard a conversation between three men. One of the men said that someone was going to be killed in Dallas that coming Friday. She never told any authorities about what she heard and claims that she never knew about Giesbrecht's similar experience in

February of 1964 [7].

In February of 1967, New Orleans D.A. Jim Garrison announced that he was reopening the investigation into the president's assassination. Garrison's announcement came the day after John Roselli, a mafia figure with ties to various mafioso bosses throughout the country, told Chief Earl Warren through his attorney that he had been involved in several CIA attempts to assassinate

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Fidel Castro. To retaliate, Roselli claimed that Castro's agents, in conjunction with mafia figures, planned the murder of the president.

Garrison spoke to Giesbrecht about testifying at the Shaw trial. Giesbrecht claimed that he was threatened with harm to his family, and notified Garrison that he would not come to New Orleans and testify [8].

In February of 1967 Garrison announced that one of his chief suspects was David Ferrie. He placed Ferrie in protective custody, accompanied by a bodyguard in a New Orleans hotel. Ferrie publicly scoffed at Garrison's allegations telling journalists that "... I have been pegged as the getaway pilot in an elaborate plot to kill Kennedy ... " and that it was "fruitless to look for an accomplice of Oswald." On February 21, Ferrie was inexplicably released from protective custody before he had completely testified. He returned to his apartment.

Ferrie was found dead in his apartment on February 22, 1967. He had left two typed notes that suggested suicide. The first began "To leave this life, to me, is a sweet prospect." For several paragraphs he rambled on about crime in America and the incompetence of the American government. The second note was brief and declared that "when you read this I will be quite dead and no answer will be possible." New Orleans Metro Crime Commission director, Aaron Kohn believed that Ferrie was murdered. The New Orleans coroner officially reported that the cause of death was natural: a cerebral hemorrhage. The

day before Ferrie's death, Eladio del Valle was murdered in Miami with hatchet and bullet by unknown assailants. Del Valle was an ex-city councilman from Havana during the Batista regime. He was associated with Florida mafia boss Santos Trafficante. Del Valle and Ferrie were members of the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front, an organization devoted to overthrowing Castro. New Orleans D.A. Jim Garrison believed that del Valle paid Ferrie for bombing missions over Cuba. In 1961 del Valle boasted that he had assembled over 8,000 men in Cuba ready to overthrow Castro. In 1963 he was also a leader of the Committee to Free Cuba.

During his investigation, Garrison found that before the assassination Ferrie had deposited over seven thousand dollars in his bank account, and after the assassination someone purchased Ferrie a gasoline-station franchise. Ferrie also secured a job with Marcello-based United Air Taxi Corporation and later worked for Marcello associate Jacob Nastas's air cargo service firm, a position Ferrie kept for several years. Marcello testified that he paid Ferrie seven thousand dollars for Ferrie's paralegal work in November of 1963. Though Ferrie had several interesting connections to the assassination, Garrison never linked any of Ferrie's activities to Marcello. Garrison never

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publicly recognized any mafia presence in New Orleans. Authors John H. Davis, Philip Melanson, attorney Frank Ragano, and Victor Marchetti and many investigators believe that Garrison's investigation was designed to protect Carlos Marcello from being linked to the assassination. Though Ferrie's relationship with Marcello was obvious and a matter that Marcello publicly acknowledged, there is no mention of Marcello in Garrison's 1970 book on the assassination, *A Heritage of Stone*, nor is there any mention of

THE ROME WORLD TRADE CENTRE AND PERMINDEX HAVE A SHADOWY PAST, BUT THAT DARK- NESS MAYBE NOTHING MORE THAN SHADOWS CAST BY COMMUNIST POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS INTEN- TIONALLY CLOUDING THE CONSPIRA- CY ISSUE WITH DISINFORMATION

Marcello in the Warren Commission Report.

Executive Assistant to the Deputy Director of the CIA Victor Marchetti was told by a CIA colleague that "Ferrie had been a contract agent to the Agency in the early sixties and had been involved in some of the Cuban activities." Marchetti was convinced that Ferrie was a CIA contract officer and involved in various criminal activities. Marchetti told author Anthony Summers that "he observed consternation on the part of then CIA Director Richard Helms and other senior officials when Ferrie's name was first publicly linked with the assassination in 1967."

Raymond Broshears, an ex-roommate of Ferrie, said that Ferrie had told him that he went to Houston the day after the assassination to await a call from a man, allegedly one of the gunmen. This person was to fly from Dallas to Houston in a twin-engine plane that would take them to Central America and eventually to South Africa where the U.S. government had no extradition treaty. South Africa, at the time, was the home of Permindex, an organization with a sinister and cloudy past that had been reportedly ousted from Europe for nefarious activities and had a history of connections with world-wide assassinations. Ferrie was to function as a co-pilot for the gunmen

and supposedly another companion who was to be deeply involved in the assassination. The men had code names and the only codename Broshears could remember was Garcia. Ferrie said he never received the phone call. Ferrie told Broshears that the assassins panicked and tried to fly non-stop to Mexico, but they crashed off the coast of Corpus Christi and perished. Broshears believes Ferrie was murdered. Ferrie told him "no matter what happens to me I won't commit suicide." On the other hand, Ferrie had often boasted that he knew of ways of killing people that could be mistaken for suicide.

Broshears told author Dick Russell in 1975 that Ferrie believed Kennedy was a Communist. Ferrie had told him that he knew Oswald and that he felt Oswald did not shoot the president. Ferrie believed that Oswald thought he was working for Castro, but in reality he was a pawn in an anti-Castro conspiracy. The plotters wanted to make the assassination look like it was a communist conspiracy. In 1963 Ferrie told Broshears that four people would shoot from different angles. Later in 1964 he said one fired from a sewer opening, another from the grassy

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knoll, and one from behind the motorcade. Funding for the plot came from Marcello, Ferrie told Broshears, and Clay Shaw knew of many things involved with the plot but did not engineer it.

A 30 PAGE FBI REPORT ON FERRIE IS MISSING FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

On March 4, 1967, three days after Clay Shaw was arrested for complicity in the assassination of JFK, an Italian newspaper with strong communist ties, *Il Paese Sera* reported that Clay Shaw was one of the directors of the Rome World Trade Centre, an organization that was run by the CIA to undermine communism. The CIA had admitted that Shaw was a contact for the agency's Domestic Contact Service during the 1950's. *Il Paese Sera* had strong links to Italian Fascists and Permindex (Permanent Industrial Exhibitions). The article also claimed that Permindex was expelled from Switzerland because of criminal activities, and that Permindex was a financial benefactor to the OAS of France and eventually was relocated in Johannesburg, South Africa. A few days later the same paper published the names of men involved in anti-communist activities through Permindex. Several other communist newspapers, the Italian *L'Unita* and Moscow's *Pravda*, began to add to the fantastic claims of the conspiracy theories of Permindex. Eventually many researchers began seeing the Permindex connection as a disinformation campaign orchestrated by the CIA or more likely communist organizations in Europe. The history of Permindex is complicated and mysterious. Though it was never ousted from Switzerland by the Swiss government, as *Il Paese Sera* reported, it did move to Rome and then South Africa. The Rome World Trade Centre and Permindex have a shadowy past, but that darkness maybe nothing more than shadows cast by communist political organizations intentionally clouding the conspiracy issue with disinformation [9].

CIA contract agent Robert Morrow claimed that while working at Permindex in the early sixties he received a call from David Ferrie from Switzerland. Ferrie had been instructed by CIA contacts to tell Morrow to go to Paris and pick up a packet of papers from an American couple who had recently been traveling in the Soviet Union. They had been given the packet of papers by a CIA

agent, a "Harvey of Minsk." Since Oswald was living in Minsk during this time, Morrow firmly believes it was Oswald who was providing information for the CIA. Morrow also recounts a story about Ferrie's associate Eladio del Valle. Del Valle had called Morrow in the early autumn of 1963 and requested four walkie-talkies, low-frequency transceivers that could not be traced. Morrow knew that del Valle had connections with the mafia and various anti-Castro groups. Morrow provided the equipment and believes that one of the radios he furnished can be seen in pictures taken of Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963, hanging out of a man's back pocket.

In Morrow's 1992 book *First Hand Knowledge*, he details several CIA missions in which Ferrie acted as a pilot for several of Morrow's covert operations in Cuba. Ferrie also served as an assistant to Morrow when he was instructed by the CIA to purchase weapons in Europe. Morrow claims that his CIA case officer, Tracy Barnes, spoke of many of the Ferrie's New Orleans colleagues as early as June 1961. In 1961 Morrow was instructed to fly to Greece to facilitate the purchase of Schmeisser and Thompson machine guns stored in a Permindex warehouse. Barnes told Morrow that Clay Shaw, a contract consultant with the CIA, had helped the CIA organize the sale, and his right-hand man, Ferrie, had worked with del Valle and Jack Ruby in the arrangement.

In July of 1963, Morrow, upon instructions from case officer Barnes, purchased four 7.35 Mannlicher rifles from a surplus store in Baltimore. Before passing on the rifles Morrow was directed to alter the forepiece of each rifle so they could be easily dismantled and reassembled quickly. Morrow was then contacted by del Valle and told to deliver the rifles to Ferrie in Baltimore. On August 1, 1963 Morrow delivered the rifles to Ferrie. Ferrie told Morrow that they were to be used in the assassination of Juan Bosch of the Dominican Republic. Morrow believes the guns were involved in the assassination in some manner and told the Church Intelligence Committee of the Senate and the House Assassination Committee the complete story. Morrow writes in *First Hand Knowledge* that Barnes had described Oswald in 1961 as being a CIA contact who had penetrated Banister's right-wing enclave in New Orleans. Morrow candidly declares that Ferrie was the "brains" behind Shaw and Marcello's various operations, and that Ferrie was the central planner of the assassination.



Left/About/Right the men that Ferrie and Lee had never met was exploded when witnesses who were with them back to the same time came forward in 1992. This amazing photograph presented by John Kinsman shows Ferrie on the left and Lee on the right. They were at a Civil Air Patrol picnic in 1955 where the picture was taken.

In January of 1992, a former attorney for mob boss Santos Trafficante and Teamster leader Jimmy Hoffa, Frank Ragano, spoke of a meeting he had with Hoffa in early 1963. According to Ragano, Hoffa asked the attorney to tell Trafficante and Marcello that he wanted the president killed. Ragano didn't take the threat seriously but passed the word on anyway. He was shocked to see their reactions; it appeared to Ragano that they had already considered the thought. On November 22, 1963 Ragano said Hoffa called him and asked him if he had heard the good news. Hoffa reportedly said that it looked like Bobby would be thrown out of his attorney general position by Johnson. That night Ragano had dinner with Trafficante. Trafficante made a toast to the actions of the day declaring that their problems were over and that access to Cuba would be a reality. Ragano said that Marcello told him that Hoffa owed him, and Hoffa recognized the fact that Marcello had done him a big favor.

Transcripts of Ferrie's FBI interview have been buried in the National Archives. They were not turned over to the Warren Commission. Author John H. Davis, a Board of Advisors of the Assassination Archives and Research Center in Washington, D.C., has reported that a 30 page FBI report on Ferrie is missing from the National Archives.

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Timothy Leary:

The Unpublished Steamshovel Press Interview

BY KENN THOMAS

When Timothy Leary accelerated off this plane of existence on May 31, 1996, *Steamshovel Press* lost a comrade with whom it had maintained contact on and off for a number of years. *Steamshovel* reported regularly on the various public spectacles involving Dr. Leary, like the failed attempt to connect his psychedelic research work to government radiation experiments and his arrest for smoking a cigarette at an Austin airport. In SP#7 *Steamshovel* began a dialogue about the relative merits of personal computer technology with Dr. Leary at a lingerie party he was conducting at his Beverly Hills home. In September 1992, *Steamshovel* editor Kenn Thomas continued that dialogue at the studios of radio station KDHH. That interview is published here for the first time. *Steamshovel* offers it here as a send-off to its departed friend, whose ashes are expected to be launched into earth orbit even as this issue goes to press.

Q: Dr. Leary...

A: Yeah!

Q: Hello, welcome!

A: Who's this?

Q: This is Kenn Thomas.

A: Oh, hi, Kenn!

Q: I'd like to talk to you about your lectures. Do you use a VR lab?

A: No, not any lab. I bring audio tapes. I can't reproduce the 360 degree immersive environment of the right brain experience, but we get the idea...I'm getting feedback here (on the tape of this conversation)...



HIGHER INTELLIGENCE, LOCATED IN INTER-
STELLAR NUCLEAR-GRAVITATIONAL-QUANTUM
STRUCTURES, HAS ALREADY SENT A MESSAGE TO
THIS PLANET. THE UFO MESSAGE IS IN THE
FORM OF THE DNA CODE AND OF
ELECTRO-ATOMIC SIGNALS WHICH CAN BE
TRANSCIEVED BY THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.

EACH LIFE FORM ON THIS PLANET IS AN
ALIEN IMMIGRANT FROM OUTER SPACE. WE ARE
ALL UNIDENTIFIED FLYING ORGANISMS. —1977

Q: We're getting rid of it...carry on.

A: It's enough I have to say these words, I don't want to have to hear myself.

I run through a series of, I call them left brain/right brain switches. I demonstrate how you

can put yourself into a trance state with the audio-visual overload simulation, and then how your right brain can reprogram your mind so you can come out with new ideas, new realities. I demonstrate not with head mounts and not with the full technology, but at least you get the idea, and hopefully people will get a mild hallucinogenic trance state and mild experience.

Q: (still adjusting tape equipment) I'm pushing buttons and switches here and it sounds like everything you're saying is coming through with feedback, psychedelized...

A: Sound, hypnotic hypnotic hypnotic trance trance...reimprint a new concept...

Q: Do you talk about historical topics at all? You're one of the most interesting historical figures, or do you just kind of concentrate on computers and trance states?

A: No, I mix. You can't talk about the present and future without talking about the past, and I review the past, where we came from, where we're going. And then there's the question and answer period, at least half of it will be questions and answers, so that people can ask any questions they want, you know, about what it was like to be there in Athens with Socrates, growing marijuana with George Washington on Mt. Vernon. I try to bring up history if people ask me about it.

Q: I read *Flashbacks* and understand that much was left out and that you have several hundred pages that weren't included in the published version.

A: Well, that covered about 10% of my life.



Q: What could you tell us about Mary Pinchot Meyer?

A: That's an issue in my life that's kind of minor, as far as I'm concerned, although it's major as far as history is concerned. Mary Pinchot Meyer was well established, was a mistress to John Kennedy and a close confidant and he was even thinking of marrying her when he left the White House. And she was a member of a group of very intelligent women in New York City and Washington who were using psychedelic substances to work with men in power, to help them expand their consciousness and to get more vision and to get a broader picture of life. And Kennedy was one of those people, and the story about Mary Pinchot Meyer was that she was mysteriously assassinated, and they never found out who did it, and the CIA came to her house and took all of her diaries. That's a matter of record and fact. So there's a lot of mystery there. And I'm not a great conspiracy buff, and we all know we don't know the truth about Jack Kennedy, but I don't spend a lot of time with it because there are more important things to worry about. But that's an intriguing little side issue in history. But the important thing is, you know, how it helps us in the future to think for yourself more effectively, communicate more clearly and question authority. So I'm interested in methods that can help people right now deal with a potent situation and hook up in better link-ups to make a better world.

Right now, why are we talking about the Kennedys? That's nice if it had something to do with something happening in the White House now. Two of the most monstrous, nitwit, psychotic, hunkle-foot, people, Quayle and Bush, and we're basically talking about how the Kennedy's liked good music. That's great, but what are you going to do about Buchanan, and Pat Robertson? Good



God, they're raving maniacs! Any born again Christian who believes that right-wing stuff of Pat Buchanan should not be allowed to operate heavy machinery. But the idea of speaking about the government—can you imagine the absolute horror of Pat Buchanan in the White House?

Q: I was just wondering if I could pick your brains for your memories of the Kennedy assassination.

A: I don't want to talk about that. You have hundreds of people working on it, we don't need another person. I'm just not interested.

Q: Okay, let's move on to another topic.

A: I saw Oliver Stone's movie. I liked it, but I don't know anything.

Q: Does the ability to shift from right brain to left brain employ ancient Hindu tradition?

A: The Hindus and most of the Eastern religions have said that the aim of your life is to get illuminated or to go within. That's also what Socrates said, the Greek tradition. The aim of your life is to "know thyself" and help yourself grow in wisdom and intelligence. Actually, though, the Catholic Church has developed the best methods of brainwashing, and the Catholic Church has incredibly wonderful things to get people into a trance situation by using overload: the bell. For hundreds and hundreds of years, for people, peasants living in villages, suddenly the church bell would come at certain times and they'd never heard a sound like that. It was the largest, loudest thing, except for lightning, and of course, lightning comes from God, so the bell is telling you that God is the Catholic Church. And then, of course, all of the multi-media effects, special effects of the Catholic Church, the candles, the incense, the Gregorian chant, the rose windows, the jewels, the Pope's costumes, these enormous cathedrals where you look up and it puts you immediately into a state of trance and hypnosis. Must be God. Only God could bring those diamonds and those jewels, because the brain loves to be stimulated, the way to get through to your brain and turn on your right brain is to over-stimulate, and particularly with sound and also with flashing diamonds and reflections and gold and candlelight. We all know that the eye loves that. The Catholic Church has been using that for a thousand years to program people's minds so that they actually

believe such crazy, psychotic stuff, that someone named Jesus Christ died for your sins and will come back and be your personal savior and on and on and on...or is that because of the power of the hypnotic, multi-media, audio-visual effects of those wizards of the Catholic Church?

Q: So you're saying that a little IBM PS/2 can compete with all that?

A: You get the CD-ROM, you got to have good graphics and good sound, but you can do it yourself, yeah. We have custom designed hallucinations, put yourself in a trance state and imprint yourself. And, of course, television does that. Television, all the commercials, they overload you, you know, where you are, is it water, is it desert, what's that flash flashing? The night belongs to Michelob. Well, you can do the same thing. The night belongs to you and your boyfriend or girlfriend. We're trying to make for this power, which has been in the hands of the big networks and the big media, mass media people, to the individuals, so that, number one, you'll know when you're being brainwashed, you'll know how the church or George Bush's campaign is trying to do it to you, and you can do it yourself.

Q: Some people have suggested that virtual reality is nothing more than expensive toys for rich people, and just another way to catch an expensive high. How can virtual reality assist social change as far as you see it?

A: A compact disc plays off a Nintendo or any C-Turbo Graphic 16, the Turbo Graphic 16 sells for \$69, 16 bit. That's the equivalent of an IBM five years ago, with a CD-ROM attachment. One CD-ROM disc can have a hundred books, can have hundreds of color graphics, lots of sound, brilliant stereo sound, and a few minutes, right now, of slow motion video. And that's running on equipment that costs less, listen to me, it costs less for a CD-ROM player than the textbooks that kids do not read in school now. Now this is not...I'm totally opposed to this high-tech, high expensive stuff. We want to put the "high" back in high technology. We want it available to the Third World kid or any inner city kid. That's the aim of all of my work, is to empower individuals. I'm not the elite or the wealthy, so...and there's one law about electronic equipment: within in two years, everything that's selling now is gonna be half price. It's gonna be ten times more powerful in memory and the amount of images it'll give you, and about

a third of the size. Electronics are basically almost free, and the textbooks are rich and cost a lot of money. It's the textbooks that require the wood pulp that's destroying the Amazon rain forests. Electronics don't use any material stuff except in instruments and players. Now believe me, anyone who's thinking this is toys of the rich, just go down to the Nintendo store, see what's on those screens. These 12 year old kids are flashing stuff around. Right now it's *Donkey Kong* and the *Mario Brothers*, but we're gonna get great images up for the school room or the living room, and of course also to create your own right brain activating trance situation.

Q: Isn't that what you're up against, though? A lot of this is *Donkey Kong* and *Teenage Mutant Turtles* and its media that inundates people with images of violence and silliness.

A: Absolutely, but we're going to make you wrong. You can't sit around and tear your hair and not do it. We've got to take over that power, electronic power, and change it. Don't complain about it. Do

guns and bashing.

Q: Do you watch the Democratic and Republican national conventions?

A: Not very much. A little bit.

Q: What do you think?

A: The thing about politics in America, and I'm going to shock some people I hope by saying this, is that when you look at the evil men and the body count of great empires, and the distortion and betrayal of power, the American government under Republicans starting with Abraham Lincoln, through Teddy Roosevelt, right down to Grenada, and now, the Republican Party, with its CIA, and its big military and its oil, is the most evil of any empire in world history. It makes Stalin look like nothing. Stalin was killing a lot of people, but we all knew it, and Russia was a very primitive czarist country. Whereas America is the the land of the free to the world, and so the Republicans come in and sabotage that. The body count— think of the

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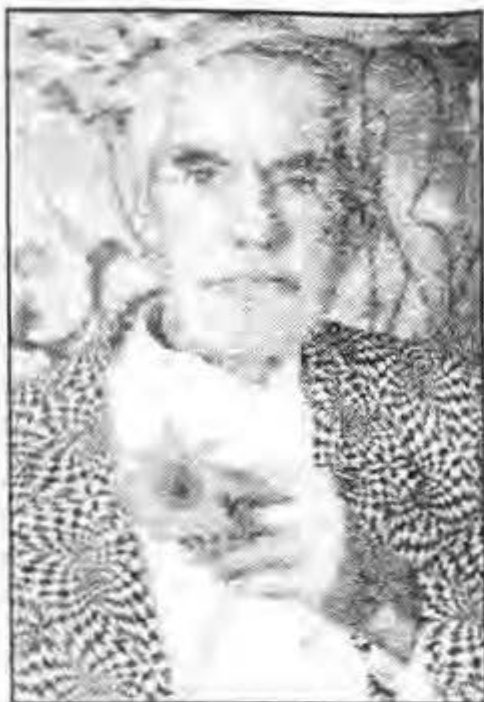
it. Do it, and...it's happening very quickly. Nintendo kids from the 1980s with *Donkey Kong* and those horrible shoot-em-up games are getting older, getting into like girls and boys, and they like to dress up, they want more sophistication, yes, we all deplore the violence, but the thing to do about it is to not turn the whole electronic thing over to the bad guys. We've got to move in and take it over so the screens will flower with beautiful images and peaceful images and sexy images, not

guns circulated in the world in the last twenty years by the Republicans and the Pentagon. Think of the body count of the wars that America has indulged in. Think of the prison count right now, the number of people in America in prison is like three times more than in South Africa and China put together. We're the largest imprisoning country in the world right now! And Stalin wasn't going around making people pee in bottles.

I'm trying to make the point that the totalitarianism in America is even more evil because you don't notice it. Did Stalin ever make the people piss in bottles, you know, urine tests? Did he poke his nose into reproductive rights? And he was dealing with an agricultural, rather primitive, society that he took over, whereas the Republicans now are dealing with a very open-minded, sophisticated country, America, and is getting away with a lot of stuff that I would call totalitarianism.

Q: Think of the body count on the streets right now too.

A: There you go. It's like taking a country like



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America and having these ridiculous wars, meanwhile education is down, child mortality is up, the morale of young people today is absolutely destroyed. For the first time in history young people can't look forward to having better economic conditions and better education than their parents and their grandparents. Thanks a lot, Nancy and Ronnie. The Democrats, of course, are not much better. The American system is through, just like the Soviet Union, the United Soviet States of America is through. We've got to decentralize, just like the Soviet Union.

This is a rant and I'll stop this rant. We've got to vote for any candidate that will loosen the power, loosen it. Right now, just like before Gorbachev we had Brezhnev, you have Yeltsin because he was looser than Gorbachev. We've got to go all out for Clinton and Gore knowing that they are not the answer but at least they'll loosen things up and we gotta keep that going.

So you gotta vote for Hillary and Clipper [sic], but then we want the next people. A Yeltsin will come along. I don't know who that is, but none of us like a central government in Washington.

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Caries, Cabals, Correspondence

LETTERS FROM READERS

Over the years I have come to regard John Judge as a suspect character and your interview with him in SP #14 highlighted the reasons why.

My first exposure to Judge was a few years back via a two tape set of a lecture/Q&A session he conducted before an audience of true-red leftists at a church in (where else?) Berkeley, CA., about 1986. They all reacted appropriately: gasping in awe at John's revelations, snickering in derision at the one unenlightened fellow in the audience who persisted in quizzing Judge about ideologically incorrect conspiracy theories, such as the alleged divisions of Russian troops massing along the US-Mexican border. The only thing that made me wince harder than that ridiculous question was Judge's ridiculous answer: as the true believer's in the audience uttered, Judge quipped something like, "Why would they be there? To come to tea?"

Now, even a leftist in the mid-80s would have had to admit, if only to himself, that a Soviet invasion of the US wasn't completely out of the question, even from Mexico. It was no more inherently ridiculous than many of the things Judge had to say. But Judge tipped his hand by declaring, with some dithering around, that he regarded the Soviet Union, even though an obvious military state, as basically a defensive power. Although I considered myself a leftist at the time, even I couldn't buy that. But I overlooked it in light of Judge's other information.

Since I no longer consider myself a leftist, I can no longer overlook Judge's half-truths and remain silent about them. While I won't deny much of his critique, it is a skewed, lopsided, half-assed thing, concerned with objective truth only when it advances his ideologically partisan agenda. Judge is the kind of character that mocks the McCarthyist tendency to see a communist under

every bed, then goes ballistic seeing Nazis under the same mattresses.

Judge, of course, denies that he's a conspiracy theorist; and, indeed, he doesn't speculate: since he's got all the answers, he dispenses revelations with certainty. He knows where all the bodies are buried, and who all the villains are. (Rep. Torricelli isn't a "saint" because he "openly calls for a US invasion of Cuba"? Gracious, what will happen to that nice Senor Fidel?) This is his legacy as a devotee of the late Mae Brussell, whose Jewish paranoid world view Judge shares, even though he's not (as far as I can tell) a Jew. And just like his Guru Ma and his arch rival to her throne, Dave Emory, there are two very conspicuous powers that escape the Brussellian critique: Israel and the former Soviet Union. I don't think that is coincidence.

For all his posturing as some sort of fringe prophet, Judge is heavily invested in the consensus view of the Nazis as the worst mass murderers in all history and the very metaphysical embodiment of evil. Never mind that the communists murdered millions more, in Russia alone, before the Third Reich and after it. And

when the millions more slaughtered in other communist countries in the name of the dictatorship of the proletariat are added, the true size of the communist mountain of corpses compared to the Nazi molehill becomes hideously apparent to every honest student of history. But, as most of us know but dare not say, it's not a matter of how many were killed, but of who was killed that determines the identity of the officially sanctioned Beast.

Which brings me to ask why Judge hasn't been stumping for trials of former communists for "crimes against humanity" in Russia and eastern Europe? He also seems to be mute on the need for war crimes trials for the Israelis responsible for the mass executions of Egyptian prisoners of war unearthed a few months ago in the Sinai, but then, so does most of the world (That story sure got a lot of press, didn't it? One can only imagine how different the media



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reaction would have been had the boots been on the other cadaver.)

Of course, maybe Honest John has never been an actual KGB-Mossad disinformation agent just because he's parlayed the right propaganda for the role, maybe he's just nostalgic for those glorious Popular Front days when naive democrats allied themselves with overt and covert communists to fight the fascist menace. John would have been in his element in the OWI under Herbert Marcuse, cranking out anti-Nazi propaganda preapproved in Moscow.

But when all is said and done, John's just another aging New Left yippee, and nothing proves this more than his idolatry of black militants. John has his nose so far up the Big Black Butt of Political Correctness, that he doesn't mind falsifying the facts of the Black Panthers relationship to the '60s media. Of course the Panthers didn't get on *Nightline*, there was no such show then. But they did get all the free, often fawning publicity from the media that could be gotten in that time period. The various Panthers had best-selling books published that were taught in high school and college course to gullible white students by radical teachers. They were acclaimed by avant-garde writers like Genet, and feted and funded by limousine liberals and radical chic fops like Leonard Bernstein, and bailed by guilt-ridden white ingenues. Airhead white leftist students swooned over them like bobby-soxers and tacked posters of Huey Newton on his wicker throne on their walls next to other radical pop stars like Che Guevara. Wherever they showed up in their black leather, Afro-fascist drag, the TV cameras and microphones materialized, hanging on every cliched slogan and clenched-fist posture. And Brother Huey and several others, got away with murder—literally—again and again, in Oakland, in New Haven, in San Francisco, thanks to the nexus of liberal media hacks, white radical student revolutionaries, and leftist "civil rights" shysters like Charles Garry.

Yet Judge Dread would have us believe that in comparison, the militias are getting ldd glove treatment, and even being encouraged. Everything I have seen or heard regarding them coming from the mainstream media is no different in tone, or even actual phrasing, than what Judge says. While I will agree that many camo-clad Second Amendment absolutists are badly in need of a broader education in the concepts of freedom and tolerance, anybody who conjures up the nightmare scenario that Judge does, of an incipient Nazi resurgence with all the accompanying genocide,

then says, "You are not going to win a pop-gun war with the current US military," and that "the thing to do about it is to expose it and to work for a democratic and public solution to it," either can't be serious about what he's preaching, or is actually up to something other than what he claims.

But of course to Judge, the militia's main crime is that they are overwhelmingly white, and even (the horror!) proud of it. They're not shedding tears over the dead children in Somalia or Bosnia or wherever like good, humane leftists do; instead they're mourning Randy Weaver's dead family members, or those Waco kids. One has only to peruse the left press' coverage of those incidents to see where the boundaries of humane "progressive" concern lay: as far away as possible, and preferably where skins are as dark as possible, but not here, among those that look like us but think differently. Among the left establishment, only Alexander Cockburn, to his credit (and he doesn't deserve much credit otherwise), dissented from this self-righteous *schadenfreude*. Here, once more, John Judge reveals himself to be more in tune with the elite opinion-molders than with any true populist position. Which, considering that his work has always advanced a far left agenda, should come as no surprise.

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John Judge has always had great potential as an author, but other than that article he wrote on Jonestown, which used to be reprinted in a different zine every few months, I could only get xeroxes of his stuff from *Prevailing Winds*. Has Judge ever had a book actually published? I'm not complaining—the man does incredible work

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organizing COPA and attending one of his lecture gives one more food for thought than most books. But thank you, *Steamshovel*, for a relevant, contemporary look at where Judge is coming from. I find many otherwise progressive people taking an armchair pro-militia view, but more because it nurtures their remnants of white reaction than any understanding that what destroyed the MOVE

headquarters in Philadelphia also brought down David Koresh and is coming after you and me.

Ross Wells
Truth Or Consequences, NM

(*Steamshovel* Debris: COPA is the Committee On Political Assassinations is a non-profit group active in promoting the release of government files pertaining to the political assassinations of the 1960s. It will hold a conference, "The Killing Of A President," at the Paramount Hotel overlooking Dealey Plaza at Commerce and Houston Streets in Dallas. Membership in COPA, which costs \$35, covers admission to all events there. In addition to working panels and research topic groups, featured speakers include Dr. Gary Aguilar, Walt Brown, Robert Groden, Jim Marrs, Jack White and John Judge. Hotel rates are \$59 per night. Call 202-785- 5299 for more details.)

Jack Burden's simplistic attack on the messengers places you all deeply and squarely in some *real time damage control operation*. To do "Clinton corruption" without reference to Larry Nichols of ADFA means cover-up. So do the Larry Nichols story...prove you're not part of the Masonic/Zionist alliance conspiracy. We'll be watching!

Anonymous
Eastern Maine

For the past five years, my hobby has been alternate views on history, current events and religion. I found the tone of *Steamshovel* #14 enlightening, especially the way many articles were presented with both sides of the story.

I especially enjoyed the interview with John Judge and your questioning on the naivety of many patriot and militia groups. I have been

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keeping track of the patriot groups through Dayton's public access channel, where interviews and commentary are featured on a regular basis. In fact, the writer of *Creature From Jekyll Island* (reviewed in *Steamshovel* #14) was featured on Dayton public access giving a speech.

There were many other facets of

Steamshovel #14 that were impressive, including the article, "The Conspiracy Conspiracy." I'm not endorsing Clinton, but the Republican smear campaign towards him is hypocritical, compared to the antics of the Reagan-Bush years.

Looking forward to reading more!

Richard Wells
Dayton, OH

"Right wing" conspiracy theories are interesting to study, and make for amusing reading, but one recognizes that they are usually flawed arguments predicated on a series of false assumptions and/or myths, and invariably the theory eventually contradicts even itself. So it was doubly amusing to read the review of a right-wing conspiracy book by Mr. Dowbenko, who did a good job of conveying the gist of the theory, but in doing so, gave the distinct impression that the "theory" was actually valid. Let's look at a few points:

1. The use of the word "socialism" to describe the machinations of "monopoly capitalists." If they are capitalists, then what they "do" is "capitalism." As has been explained many times, but most clearly by George Bernard (actual Fabian Socialist) Shaw, there exists in all societies institutions that in all candor must be called communistic. A pure *laissez-faire* "capitalist" society is "High-tech Feudalism," to use Mr. Dowbenko's phrase from the other review.



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2. The seeming contradiction of pointing out that the "Federal Reserve System encourages war," and that monopoly capitalists want you (or your sons and daughters) to fight "their" wars, with the statement about Vietnam: where now "our" soldiers tried to fight with "both hands manacled behind their backs." (Translation: military could bomb three countries into basket cases, but was not allowed to *kill every living thing* in those countries in order to "save" them.)

3. "So-called Liberation theology takes Christian traditions and principles and perverts them with Socialist doctrine." Let's understand one thing: there never was more of a *PINKO* than Jesus Christ. It is "imperialists" and "fascists" who have "perverted" the message of Jesus Christ to further their own avaricious ends. Do people *really* believe that the incomprehensible God of light who created the endless universe gives a *rat's ass* about their sordid geopolitical interests? Evidently they do.

It is interesting to imagine that every time the word "socialism" appears in the review, substitute the word "capitalism" or perhaps "national socialism". For "Fabian Socialism", the word "liberalism" would be more accurate. But remember that the goals of "liberals" and "conservatives" (reactionaries) are exactly the same, as spelled out by noted Trotskyite Adam Smith in *The Wealth of Nations*: To protect the few and their booty from the many with itchy fingers. The "Welfare State," such that it is, is a tactical institution, subject to debate amongst the people who count. When streetcar drivers demanded that their workday be reduced from 16 hours to 12, Theodore Roosevelt denounced it as "communistic." Let these latter day *populists* like Dr. Coleman and Mr. Dowbenko go out amongst the "middle class" (who think that getting time and a half after 40 hours is what so enamors them to the "capitalist" system) and start telling them how they should dismantle the "socialist" institutions that make them the happy campers they are, despite their sickening whining about being "overtaxed."

So...keep on truckin'...I'm enlightened by the opinions and theories in *Steamshovel*, and I recommend you keep your format intact, right-wing and all.

D. S. Ward
Upper Marlboro
Former Republic of Maryland

There's been some talk lately that *PARANOIA* magazine is a tool of the far-right because it



publishes articles from the "politically-incorrect" fringe. With the long awaited *Steamshovel Press* #14, it seems Kenn Thomas is trying to show that, unlike those *PARANOIA* folks, he's socially responsible. I've respected *Steamshovel Press* for its alternative analysis, which is why I was a bit angered by the Elizabeth Clare Prophet smear by Chris Roth. To start, I have no belief in the religions of Ms. Prophet, but I am surprised that Kenn Thomas would publish an attack of this nature on a religious minority, given the history of federal government repression against non-conformist dissenters. Further, I am amazed that Thomas wasn't warned off by the author's use of Cult Awareness Network resources. CAN is additionally linked to forcibly removing adults from "cults" and then "de-programming" them. Roth's despicable linking of Theosophy and its spin-offs to Nazism and other nefarious ideas in an attempt to tie modern-day new-agers to genocide is typical of a classic smear job. Additionally, it is logically unsound. By the same token, modern Christians are directly responsible and fully believe and support all aspects of the historical Church involvement in such outrages as the Crusades and the Inquisition. Kenn Thomas might have wanted to look at the history Roth was citing, too. Roth attacks Pelley, the leader of a minute political sect in the 1930s and 1940s, the Silver Shirts. While FDR was setting the stage to undermine America's isolationist, anti-war public opinion, and push the USA into the war, he set up an infamous show-trial that sent Pelley to prison for *eight years* on the Smith Act charges. The Communist Party loved it while FDR pedalled a "Brown scare" and grabbed assorted rightists. They loved it even more when the feds shifted their sights leftward, and put Trotskyists in prison on the same charges. The CP helped prepare the government's case. Suddenly, though, things weren't so great; the federal government used precedent and public opinion to move on the Communists, transforming the "Brown Scare" into the "Red Scare" of the 1950s. Kenn Thomas might want to think about the implications of accepting CAN-style smears.

Furthermore, I have to agree with Michael Collins Piper. If saying anything bad about Mossad is "anti-Semitic", then, by the same token, speaking ill of the CIA is an attack upon all American citizens, and, further, probably denotes an advocacy of genocide. I cannot believe that, in this day and age, people would still resort to demonology in a discussion of Middle East politics, a major issue in American foreign policy.

Best Wishes,
Fred Edwards

Just to add my comments on the flap over Michael Piper's egregious *Final Judgement* and his letter in SP #14: in the course of reviewing his book for another conspiracy publication, a colleague and I noticed that about a third of Piper's references came from *Executive Intelligence Review*, put out by convicted con-artist Lyndon LaRouche. In addition, much of Piper's book was obviously dictated by Hitler admirer Willis A. Carto, who edited the pro-Nazi *American Mercury* for many years, and who is thanked by Piper for his support and encouragement. In fact, a gratuitous comment in *Final Judgement* about an obscure court case during World War Two was a paraphrase of a "filler" item in *Mercury* which appeared in the mid-1950s. Among the contributors to the *Mercury* back then were George Lincoln Rockwell and convicted Nazi spy George Sylvester Viereck. Carto wrote most of the articles himself, under various aliases.

Piper makes numerous claims in *Final Judgement* for which he presents not a shred of evidence. Among these: 1. George Bush was poisoned by the Israelis on his trip to Japan; 2. Lyndon Johnson was part Jewish; 3. Marilyn Monroe spied on JFK for the Mob, pumping him for information on his Middle East policy. One would have to be pretty nutty to take any of this seriously.

As for Piper's implication that an Israeli arms dealer exerted control over Oliver Stone's *JFK*, readers of SP should be aware that colonel L. Fletcher Prouty, who appears as Mr. X in the film, and who advised Stone on the scenario, is on the executive board of Carto's Liberty Lobby, which published Piper's book.

I find it hard to understand why conspiracy researchers believe every theory they hear. The theories can't all be true, and some of them are obviously red herrings aimed at throwing investigators off the track. Track down the sources of these red herrings, and you'll learn who was

involved in the Kennedy assassination. Common sense.

Richard Morrock
Bay Terrace, NY

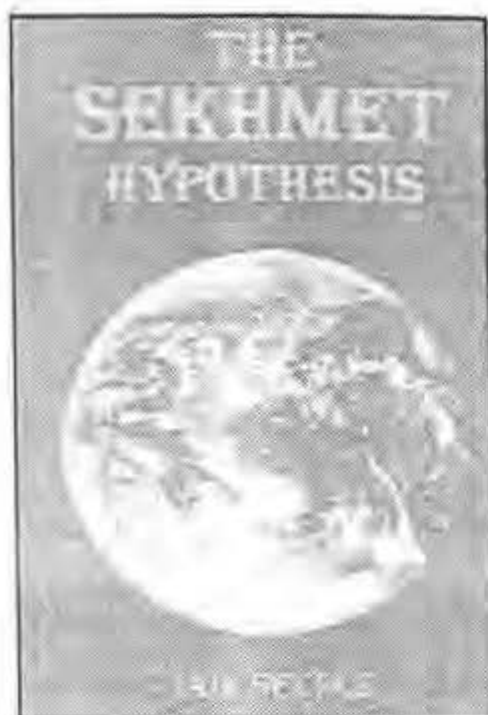
I've recently obtained *Popular Alienation*—thank you. It's remarkable. One of the most crucial, incredible collections I've ever read. It almost makes up for the time I spent clawing at comics in high school, when I could've been reading *Steamshovel*. It's kind of daunting to be in the presence of such a powerful scribe, and the words may emerge gargled yet the thought will/must always endure: THANKS for being out there for us; for having the intelligence to rise above and enlighten, the courage to sustain that "loft," and the wit to ultimately laugh (I hope) since things are so utterly, goddamn hopeless.

Truly,
Chris Koestner
Levittown, NY

Steamshovel Debris: In the "Cartes, Cabals and Correspondence" column in SP#10, Charles Saunders asked: "Allen Ginsberg claims that [Ezra] Pound had a 'deathbed conversion' and renounced anti-Semitism and his past. Of course, Allen has this on tape, or are we supposed to take his word on it?" As a matter of fact, in an article entitled "A Conversation Between Ezra Pound and Allen Ginsberg," *Evergreen Review* #55, June 1968, third-party observer Michael Reck gives his word on Pound's "recanto" and mentions that he did indeed record it. *Steamshovel* takes Reck's report as the closest thing to "smoking gun" verification for tale as is possible unless and until the tape surfaces. *Steamshovel* welcomes any further information about the tape. The article notes that Ginsberg told Pound, "The more I read your poetry, the more I am convinced it is the best of the time. And your economics are right." (Thanks to Jim Martin for the research and "recanto" pun.)

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Book Reviews



Poolside reading

Iain Spence explains in his new book, *The Sekhmet Hypothesis* (Bast's Blend Publications, POB 9600, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4BP UK), that the title theory complements the Gaia hypothesis of James Lovelock, which views

the Earth itself as an organism. Spence argues that the solar-sphere, through the mechanism of solar tides, has affected the smaller biosphere by creating new waves of youth culture from 11-22 year solar cycles. The idea was first put forth by philosopher Peter Carroll in *Liber Null - Psychonaut*. It holds that such subcultures—Hippies, "psycheterrria", and punk rock—move from expansiveness (Hippies) to destruction (Punks) as the sun pulsates in these cycles. Rave culture and designer drugs represent the last, expansive cycle, and "social mind contraction and a celebration of pessimism" await 1999. Spence takes the name "Sekhmet" from the

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female lion God of ancient Egypt, who represents positive and negative aspects of the sun, whose "untamed nature" best reflects the wild aspects of modern global-oriented youth. If this sounds a bit astrological for the average reader, bear in mind

that the author asserts proudly that the geo-sociology of the Sekhmet hypothesis picks up where Timothy Leary "got swept off by the happenings of the mid-sixties." Spence claims that it is grounded in Leary's Transactional Analysis personality grid of the 1950s, viewed as a mandala. Along the way, it also examines the notion of retroactive and directed synchronicity, claiming that "it is possible to 'nudge' future events to our benefit." *The Sekhmet Hypothesis* is every bit the heady mix it appears to be, but it is worth a read and comes cheap. Publishers explained to *Steamshovel* that they offer a few hundred slightly marked copies are available for \$5 and the remainder "goes in the skip" in early 1997.

—Kerr Thomas

Control Freaks Rule!

It's a tough job to run the world, but somebody's got to do it.

This could be the motto of the characters named in *Who's Who of the Elite* by Robert Gaylon Ross, Sr., (RIE, 1700-AA Ranch Road 12, Suite 325, San Marcos, Texas, 78666, \$23). If you were an anthropologist, you might call this tribe the "Global Control Freaks".

And who are the "Global Control Freaks"?

According to alternative historians, strong evidence exists of a group of self-appointed would-be rulers of Planet Earth. Typically they form themselves into International Ruling Cliques and consider themselves a Global Power Elite. They're composed of plutocrats (actually plutocracies, financial dynasties, families who maintain their wealth and power through interlocking corporate directorships, trusts and foundations) and their minions: front-men like politicians, academics, technocrats, corporate executives and others, the Global Managers of their international holdings.

Of course this group doesn't rule as a monolith of power—yet. But a One World Government, or as British author H.G. Wells called it, "The Open Conspiracy," (the title of one of his books) has been their goal for over a century.

Yes, they have their rivalries as well as their alliances, which last until there's a better deal somewhere else. They know that in this ever-changing world, things obviously change and there's always another way to make a couple zillion dollars without working too hard.

But how can you identify them, recognize them despite their camouflage of seemingly

left-wing, right-wing, conservative, liberal, capitalist or marxist ideologies? One way is to see if they belong to any of the Global Good Ole Boy Clubs. These are organizations like the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), the Trilateral Commission (TC), the Bilderbergers, The Order (Skull & Bones Society), and the Committee of 300.

The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) is the sister organization of the Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA) and an outgrowth of Cecil Rhodes' secret society The Round Table Group. According to CFR Annual report, 1994, it's a "nonprofit and nonpartisan membership organization dedicated to improving the understanding of US foreign policy and international affairs through the exchange of ideas." Is that innocuous or what? Hey, send me an app.

"Trilateralists are not three sided people," according to a January 1977 editorial by the *Washington Post*. "They are members of a private, though not secret internationalist organization put together by a wealthy banker, David Rockefeller, to stimulate the establishment of dialogue between Western Europe, Japan and the US.

The Bilderbergers, on the other hand, can be likened to a mafia of international politicians and financiers who meet secretly (no US press coverage) on a regular basis. From all accounts, these national and international power brokers coordinate socio-economic policies on a global scale. In other words, even though fiercely competitive on one level, they tend to act as a cartel when dealing with the "peasants" as Nelson Rockefeller used to call the "common people".

According to historian Dr. Anthony Sutton, author of *America's Secret Establishment* (Liberty House, 1517 14th Street, #216C, Billings, Montana 59102, \$19.95) the Order or the Skull & Bones Society, has been known for more than 150 years as Chapter 322 of a German secret society. More formally, for legal purposes, the Order was

incorporated as the Russell Trust in 1856. The old line American families and their descendants involved in the Skull & Bones are names such as Whitney, Perkins, Stimson, Taft, Wadsworth, Gilman, Payne, Davidson, Pillsbury, Sloane, Weyerhaeuser, Harriman, Rockefeller, Lord, Brown, Bundy, Bush and Phelps. In a supposedly classless society, these are the families that consider themselves the financial and political aristocracy of the USA. Past and current members include George Bush, McGeorge Bundy, William Sloane Coffin, and William F. Buckley, Jr.

According to Dr. John Coleman, who wrote *Conspirators' Hierarchy: The Committee of 300* (Joseph Publishing Co., 2533 N. Carson St. Carson City, Nevada 89706, \$20) the Committee of 300 are another grouping of Global Power Mongers whose membership is made up of the so-called Black

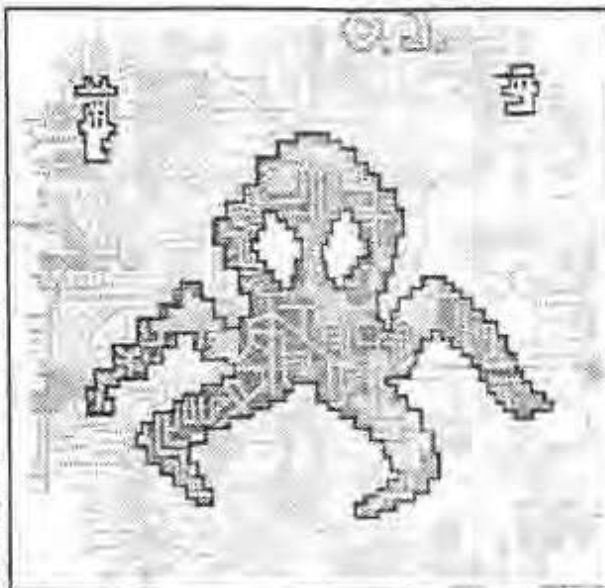
Nobility of Europe as well as politicians, international bankers, wealthy industrialists and their attendant plutocracies.

These Global Good Ole Boys Clubs and their memberships are the focus of *Who's Who of the Elite*, a researcher's guide to the global hierarchy of money and power. It's like a Social register for Power mongers and though it's just a listing of their names with their day job affiliation, you can get a lot of insights by matching these names with the names in the news.

The prime mover and shaker behind these organizations seems to be octogenarian David Rockefeller, Chairman of the Board of Chase Manhattan bank, Honorary Chairman of

the Council on Foreign relations, as well as Chairman of the Trilateral Commission and frequent Bilderberger meeting attendee. Author Ross likes to call him "czar" of the New World Order.

Another fixture on the Power Monger scene is Henry Kissinger, also a Bilderberger, a member of the Trilateral Commission as well as the Council on Foreign Relations. Kissinger, who started out as a Rockefeller asset, soon moved up to being a Gofer for the Global Good Ole Boys as well as



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Secretary of State from Presidents Nixon and Carter. Now he operates Kissinger and Associates, a high-priced (\$250k per) introduction service to world-famous tyrants and arms dealers.

Watching the Oliver Stone film *Nixon*, for example, you can contemplate Kissinger's role as Global Fixer and Bagman and how he was able to manipulate events around the hapless Tricky Dick. Nixon's Secretary of State Alexander "I'm In Charge" Haig is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Most recently, Kissinger has been meeting the Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, according to the *New York Times*. In his role as Eminence Grise of Gofers for the New World Order, it's fun to think about his Masters' instructions to Newt, himself a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

The Clinton Administration is replete with Global Good Ole Boys Club members. Bill Clinton himself is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Trilateral Commission as well as a Bilderberger, having attended the Baden-Baden, Germany meeting in 1991.

Was that when Clinton was tapped to run for U.S. president?

Other CFR members in the Clinton Administration include Mike Espy, the Secretary of Agriculture; Ron Brown, the late Secretary of Commerce; Les Aspin, former Secretary of Defense; John Deutch, CIA director and former Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisitions; Donna Shalala, Secretary H.H.S. Department (also Trilateral Commission); Henry Cisneros, Secretary HUD (also Trilateral Commission); Bruce Babbitt, Secretary Department of Interior (also Trilateral Commission); Warren Christopher, Secretary of State (also Trilateral Commission); Walter Mondale, US Ambassador to Japan (also Trilateral and Bilderberger); Richard Holbrooke, Ambassador to Germany; and Pamela Churchill Harriman, Ambassador to France.

Robert Rubin, Secretary of Treasury, is not a member of the Trilaterals or CFR but is a Bilderberger.

Colin Powell, former Chairman Joints Chiefs of Staff, is also a CFR member.

The Media and Publishing World is also stacked with Global Good Old Boys Club members. For instance, by perusing *Who's Who of the Elite*, you would discover that the following big shots in magazine publishing are members of the Council on Foreign Relations: Norman Podhoretz, Editor in Chief, *Commentary*; R. Emmet Tyrrell, Editor in Chief, *American Spectator*; William F. Buckley, Jr.,

Editor Chief, *National Review* (also a Bilderberger); Mort Zuckerman, Editor in Chief, *US News and World Report* (also a Bilderberger); Lewis Lapham, Editor, *Harper's Magazine*; Ralph P. Davidson, Chairman, *Time, Inc.*; Richard M. Smith, Editor in Chief, *Newsweek*; and Michael J. Novack, columnist, *Forbes Magazine*, among others.

In TV broadcasting, CFR members include David Brinkley; ABC anchor, Diane Sawyer, ABC; Barbara Walters, ABC; Dan Rather, CBS anchor; Tom Brokaw, NBC anchor; John Chancellor, NBC commentator; and Rowland Evans, CNN.

Wonder when they'll do a show on the Global Good Ole Boys Clubs, huh?

With all due respect, you could think of people listed in *Who's Who of the Elite*, as simply "Useful Idiots" for the New World Order. A "Useful Idiot" is old Soviet jargon for someone who can be manipulated through greed and/or ideology.

These people all fervently believe that a centralized One World Government is the logical conclusion of their efforts. They practice and preach corporate socialism (i.e., fascism, in which industry and government form a monopolistic and parasitic relationship) as well as state socialism (i.e., centralized marxist-style dictatorships). They really believe that national sovereignty is "obsolete" and that the US Constitution must be circumvented, bypassed or made irrelevant to accomplish their goals.

However, despite their hubris and Machiavellian schemes for world domination, time is running out for the Control freaks. Why? Because the planet is rushing into global decentralization, completely counter to the wet dreams of the International power Elite.

If you don't know the players on a world-wide scale, *Who's Who of the Elite* is a fascinating introduction to the anthropology of International Ruling Cliques. If you want to know who thinks they're pulling your strings, this is a great place to start.

—Uri Dowbenko

Inside the CIA Cocaine Empire

Allegations that tiny Mena Airport in rural Arkansas has been used for gun-running, drug-smuggling and money-laundering have kept



surfacing since the so-called Iran-Contra affair.

The missing link between the CIA and these illegal activities seems to be Terry Reed, a former FBI operative and CIA flight instructor, involved in training anti-Sandinista Nicaraguans to air-deliver arms, munitions and supplies to Contras in the field.

After moving his manufacturing company to Mexico, Reed discovered that his warehouse was being used as a storage depot for CIA cocaine smuggling. The drugs were shipped north into Mexico, then to Arkansas for distribution. The drug money was subsequently laundered by Arkansas brokerage companies and state agencies.

Why haven't you heard about this story? That's a good question that a video called *The Mena Connection* (REKO, P.O. Box K, White Springs, Florida 32096, Tel.: 800-MENA 850, \$23.95 Postpaid) tries to answer.

After all, when he found out that the so-called "War on Drugs" was a complete hoax, Terry Reed decided to take Nancy Reagan's advice and "Just Say No" to CIA cocaine smuggling. And that's what got him in trouble.

Reed confronted his CIA handler Max Gomez (whose real name was Felix Rodriguez). Rodriguez was allegedly the CIA hitman responsible for the assassination of Che Guevara, delivering the dead guerilla's fingers to CIA Headquarters at Langley as proof of his success.

While in Mexico, Reed, who decided he was in way over his head, then, abruptly took off with his wife and three children on a cross country trip through the United States. After six months of *The Fugitive* lifestyle, living in their camper and constantly on the move, Terry and Janis Reed went back to face the false charges filed against them.

After two years of court battles, the Reeds were completely exonerated. And now they've filed a lawsuit of their own - against Buddy Young, who as Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton's security chief, was responsible, they claim, for instituting the false charges against them as well as placing false information about them on the Law Enforcement computer network.

The Mena Connection is a fascinating video showing all the background of the Reed case, through extensive news clips from CBS, CBN, and local Arkansas coverage of the shady dealings and shaky agents of Mena. The second half of this two-hour video includes interviews with both Terry and Janis Reed and how they dealt with their experiences.

Terry Reed's book *Compromised: Clinton, Bush and the CIA* is also a powerful indictment of

the CIA. Democrat Bill Clinton who was Governor of Arkansas at the time and who, according to Reed, was well aware of the fact that the CIA was using Arkansas as its own "banana republic" for cocaine smuggling, as well as Republican President George Bush, a former CIA director whose Attorney General William Barr, then a CIA

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operative, met with Terry Reed to exert damage control on the situation in Arkansas. In other words, folks, this is a bi-partisan scandal and coverup.

The money laundering part of this enterprise, estimated at \$40 million per month, was allegedly done through ADFA (Arkansas Development and Finance Authority), a state agency started by Clinton to spur economic development in Arkansas. This money was evidently used for illegal loans paid to the reigning Good Old Boys in the state, as well as backing for bonds sold by so-called "Bond Daddies" or brokerage houses like Lasater & Company.

Another of Terry Reed's CIA handlers was John Cathey, a code name for Oliver North. Once you see *The Mena Connection* or read *Compromised*, several questions arise about the CIA Cocaine Empire.

- * Was Oliver North rewarded for keeping quiet by getting a multi-million dollar armored vest company as well as a radio talk show?
- * Was Bill Clinton rewarded with the US Presidency for doing his part and keeping quiet about CIA cocaine smuggling and money laundering in Arkansas?
- * Why doesn't the US Department of Justice conduct a serious investigation based on these charges?
- * Why don't State Propaganda Organs like *Time*, *Newsweek*, *New York Times* or the *Washington Post* dig deeper and confront former CIA Director and US President George Bush about CIA cocaine smuggling and money laundering?

* Is the story behind *The Mena Connection* a National Media coverup?

Yessireebob. You can bet your narco-dollars, gringo.

- Uri Dowbenko

Truth/Ferrie

Now that the American public has been made aware of secret government-sponsored radiation experiments conducted on unsuspecting citizens during the cold war, the idea that AIDS is a man-made disease no longer seems far-fetched. If you question the fairy tale that AIDS is caused by a natural virus that drifted in from a remote African village, *Mary, Ferrie & the Monkey Virus: The Story of an Underground Medical Laboratory* by Edward Haslam (Wordsworth Communications: Albuquerque, NM, 258 pp, \$12.95) is for you.

Edward Haslam contends that a secret government animal cancer virus laboratory located in New Orleans in the 1960s may have served as the birthplace of the AIDS virus (HIV). Of interest to conspiracy buffs is that David Ferrie, one of the



key players in the assassination of President Kennedy, had documented links to the lab. In fact, some of the cancerous animals were housed in his apartment. Fans of Oliver Stone's *JFK* will remember Joe Pesci's over-the-top portrayal of Ferrie, who met an untimely death in the film when he was force-fed a lethal dose of prescription drugs by government agents. The Coroner ruled that Ferrie died of natural causes, and there was no evidence of foul play. Ferrie's demise conveniently occurred the day before he was to be arrested on charges of conspiring to murder the President, thus helping to destroy prosecuting attorney Jim Garrison's conspiracy case against the government.

Sharing center stage with Ferrie and also linked to the underground lab is Mary Sherman MD, a noted cancer researcher who was found slashed, mutilated, radiated, and set afire in a still unsolved murder of Grand Guignol proportions. Why was Sherman involved with a violent political extremist and a laboratory that specialized in inducing cancer in animals? Why was she murdered in her

Ferretting Out David Ferrie on the Phone

Twelve pages of David Ferrie's telephone records from 1962 to 1963 remain a virtually untapped resource available for \$5 from researcher Peter Whitney, A-149 1909 Salton Road, Abbotsford BC Canada V2S 5B6. Ferrie was a prolific telephone talker and the records contain only numbers and cities of the many places he called. *Steamshovel Press* challenges its readers to send for the list and find the names of individuals and businesses Ferrie called close to their homes. The research requires only that the researcher go to the local public library and find either City Directories for 1962 and 1963. Phone numbers can be looked up numerically in these directories and matched to names. Those interested in doing more can research the names with other research tools available at their library.

All information reported to *Steamshovel* will be printed in the next issue, and with luck a the tapestry of Ferrie's phone connections will yield interesting new information. Following is a list of cities called by David Ferrie:

Ardmore, OK; *Atlanta, GA; *Augusta, GA; *Baltimore, MD; *Baton Rouge, LA; *Bay City 713; *Beaumont, TX; *Bethesda, MD; Birmingham, AL; Birmingham, MI; *Bisbee, AZ; *Breckenridge; Brownsville, TX; *Carson City, NV; *Chicago, IL; *Columbus, OH; Coral Gables, FL; Covington, LA; *Dallas, TX; Decatur, AL; *Denver, CO; *Des Plaines, IL; *Destin, FL; *Detroit, MI; Douglas, AZ; *Fort Smith, AR; *Fort Worth, TX; Fox Chapel, PA; *Galveston, TX; *Galveston, TX; *Glenshaw, PA; Guatemala City, Guatemala; Helena, AZ; *Houston, TX; Huntington, WV; Irving, TX; *Jackson, MS; *Kansas City; Kenner, LA; Laurel, MS; La Jolla, CA; Lacombe, LA; Little Rock, AR; *Louisville, KY; *Lubbock, TX; Magnolia, MS; Malaveros, Mexico; *Memphis, TN; Mexico DF, Mexico; *Miami, FL; *Minneapolis, MN; *Mount Vernon, NY; *Nashville, TN; New Orleans, LA; *New Roads, LA; *New York City, NY; *Oklahoma City, OK; *Oakland, IL; Opa-Locka, FL; *Orange, TX; *Paul's Valley, OK; Philadelphia, PA; *Pittsburgh, PA; *Port Arthur,

EDWARD HASLAM CONTENDS THAT A SECRET GOVERNMENT ANIMAL CANCER VIRUS LABORATORY LOCATED IN NEW ORLEANS IN THE 1960S MAY HAVE SERVED AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE AIDS VIRUS (HIV). OF INTEREST TO CONSPIRACY BUFFS IS THAT DAVID FERRIE, ONE OF THE KEY PLAYERS IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, HAD DOCUMENTED LINKS TO THE LAB.

Forget Anne Rice and her vampire-infested Southern mansions. Haslam's true life New Orleans story has enough horrors and creepiness to satisfy the most jaded conspiracy reader.

—Alan Cantwell, Jr. MD

Cuba si, Clinton No

Professor Peter Dale Scott pointed out that Brothers To The Rescue, the Miami-based anti-Castro Cuban group that provoked Cuba's shutdown of two of its planes earlier this year, has connections going back to the heyday of Frank Sturgis, notorious JFK assassination figure. The group's leafletting of Havana, which preceded Cuba's deadly action, in fact, only replayed identical raids directed by Sturgis in 1959. The

group's leader, Jose Basulto Leon, sprayed bullets at civilians in a Cuban hotel in April 1962 — a incident recorded by Warren Hinckle and William Turner's book, *The Fish Is Red* (1981). Scott noted that Jose Basulto Leon "today proclaims himself a non-violent Gandhian no longer willing to use a cannon to strafe a hotel," but it's an attitude belied by his group's tragically successful attempts to draw fire from tin-horn Fidel. Resulting diplomatic fallout included rebuke to the US from the European economic community over its sanctions against Cuba in response to the shootdowns. It's Bill Clinton's trade-off for the still powerful anti-Castro Cuban vote in Florida, and one more example of the relevance of JFK assassination research to current political studies, if you don't mind Mr. Chomsky. No doubt saner diplomatic initiatives will follow the November elections.

Scott reanimates the people and issues surrounding the JFK assassination perhaps better than any other scholar using material that has emerged from the collection efforts of the Assassinations Material Review Board in *Deep Politics II: Essays On Oswald, Mexico and Cuba*. (Green Archives Publications, 8614 N. Hamlin Avenue, Skokie, IL 60076-2210; 708-675-8610) a comb-bound addenda to his 1993 book, *Deep Politics*. In addition to fresh looks at such old topics as the Kennedy-CIA split over Cuba and the multiple Oswalds (Scott analyzes the variety of

TX: *Reno, NV; *River For., IL; Roseville, MI; *Sacramento, CA; *St. Francisville; *St. Louis, MO; San Francisco, CA; *Shreveport, LA; *Springfield, MO; Stamford, CT; Stephens, AR; *Stockton, CA; *Texarkana, TX; *Toronto, Canada; Tulsa, OK; Tyler, TX; *Washington, DC; *Waukegan, IL; *Waynesville, NC; *West Columbia, TX; *Wichita, KS

Readers living in or close to these cities are especially encouraged to participate in this small group research project. Note: only cities with asterisks before their names have actual phone numbers; the others only list the city and may not lead to fruitful research. Researchers should send any names and additional information on Ferrie's contacts to *Steamshovel Press*, Project Truth/Ferrie, POB 23715, St. Louis, MO 63121.

Discernible patterns have already emerged from this research effort. Ed Haslam reports in *Mary, Ferrie and the Monkey Virus* that one of the earliest instances of AIDS-like disease appeared in the *Steamshovel* environs near St. Louis, MO. The City Hospital admitted a young black man with "extensive lymphadema of the genitals and lower extremities...Kaposi's sarcoma, chlamydia, cytomegalovirus, herpes simplex, Epstein-Barr virus, and prominent hemorrhoids" in July 1968, only three months from the congressional testimony suggesting that the Pentagon was interested in developing an AIDS-like biological weapon. Haslam suggests a link between this case and the rumor of a an AIDS death in New Orleans at about the same time. He notes that three of nine doctors who wrote an article on the case for the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in October 1988 worked at Tulane University, site of the suspected underground AIDS lab. A search of David Ferrie's phone calls to St. Louis reflect that he called a Catholic bookstore, which may have related to his connection to weird religion, the City Police, a mysterious unlisted number and St. Louis Scale, which presumably sold scales, typically used in dope deals and medical research.

Oswald pseudonyms -- "Alek Hidell," etc. -- as "barium meals," designed to trace disinformation as it was released under a given false name. Direct mail consumers will recognize the strategy as a variant of the "Departments" they often write to when responding to ads; advertisers use it track responses), the book looks at freshly uncovered documents such as the CIA's pre-assassination Oswald files and the full-text of the *Inspector General's Report of 1967 on CIA Plots to Assassinate Fidel Castro*. By the mid-1970s, the IG Report made the formerly unthinkable CIA-Mafia marriage common knowledge. Scott maintains that the report reflects the CIA's efforts to restore the Mafia in Cuba, its propensity to act in JFK's name without his authorization, its design of the AMLASH program to thwart JFK's developing dialogue with Castro, and that the attempts on Castro's life may have warped into the JFK assassination.

Ocean Press published the full text of the *Inspector General's Report* as a book entitled *CIA Targets Fidel* (\$11.95, Ocean Press, GPO 3279, Melbourne, Victoria 3001, Australia; available in the US from Talman Company, 131 Spring Street, New York, NY 10012), which also includes an interview with Fabian Escalante, former head of

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Cuban counterintelligence. Ocean also published Escalante's history of covert operations against Cuba, *The Secret War* (\$15.95). It begins with Operation Mongoose, described by Escalante as a plan for a large-scale US invasion of Cuba before Soviet missiles arrived on the island. Escalante is a Havana native who spent his life first fighting Batista's mafia dons, then the CIA and various counter-revolutionary organizations as a member of post-Castro State Security Forces. He followed a career path within the Cuban bureaucracy to his present position as adviser to Cuba's Interior Minister. Like any military memoir, *The Secret War* can only be read with acknowledgement of the intense prejudice of the author. Despite the ignominious history of the US in the region, which

is ugly and this book documents it well, Escalante is still a military autocrat working for the despot of a Soviet-styled socialist island-state. Ocean also offers a book with the Cuban perspective on the Missile Crisis, furthering the argument that JFK was pursuing back-channels to normalize relations with Fidel, entitled *Eye of the Storm* (\$15.95) by Cuba's ambassador at the time, Carlos Lechuga Hevia.

The US, with its lotteries, casinos, gambling riverboats, amusement parks, political corruption and organized crime, has remade itself in the image of Fulgencio Batista many times over since the Cuban revolution. It certainly doesn't need another Las Vegas on a small island south of Florida. The argument for this belongs to a small minority of former Cuban landowners with some residual political clout and their excitable proxy provocateurs. Thinking along these lines does not mean support for Fidel Castro as Cuban dictator for life. The Ocean books will start a reader on the way to counteracting the ignorance and prejudice many Americans are taught about the history of Cuba, and *Steamshovel* readers particularly will know when that stops and the propaganda begins.

—Kenn Thomas

Looking at Lockerbie

Similarly, it should be noted up front that Libyan money is behind the publication of *Foreign Agent 4221: The Lockerbie Cover-Up* (Bridger House Publishers, Inc., POB 2208, Carson City, NV 89702), or at least behind its author, William C. Chasey. Chasey was by his own description a hard-nosed Republican political lobbyist and former marine who took up work as a foreign agent for Libya through a US company, International Communications Management (ICM). He figured he could accept the official US position of Libyan culpability in the December 1988 crash over Scotland of Pan Am Flight 103 and still pursue the valid need for diplomatic normalcy, and so registered for his book's title role. He was working to get exposure in Washington for Libyan denials of the US charges when OFAC, the Office of Foreign Assets Control, told him to cease work with the Libyans and froze what it determined was a bank account holding money from Libya. Chasey argues that his bankroll came from the American company ICM. Chasey also claims to have been harassed and spied upon. OFAC eventually fined him \$50,000 and put him under investigation for fraud. All of this helped convince Chasey that the Libyans were right about their innocence in the

downing of Pan Am 103.

Views of the Lockerbie disaster diverge over whether the bomb was placed by two Libyan agents, Abdel Bassett Ali Al-Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, or by a Lebanese-American killed in the explosion named Khalid Jafaar, working on behalf Ahmed Jibril, a Syrian terrorist with the somewhat signature trademark of planting bombs in Toshiba tape decks like the one that contained the Pan Am 103 bomb. US and UK governments come down on the former conspiracy theory, having indicted the two Libyans in November 1991. Adherents of the second theory say that Jibril conned Khalid Jafaar into taking the bomb aboard with a shipment of heroin he knew the CIA would never do anything to stop. According to the theory, Jafaar also worked as a CIA drug-trafficking asset.

Filmmaker John Ashton claims to have heard off-the-record statements from searchers who scoured the Pan Am 103 crash site that American plain-clothes operatives came the day after the crash in a huff to find something, presumably the incriminating heroin. Ashton readily admits that initial funding for his film documentary on Lockerbie, *The Maltese Double Cross*, came from a business with ties to Libya ("How The CIA Blew Up Pan Am Flight 103," *Night & Day*, June 9, 1996.). Jim Swire, whose daughter died on the flight, has supported the idea of having Ashton's film distributed and discussed, but relatives of other victims have condemned it as an exploitation of their tragedy.

Others who have countenanced the second theory, though, include Lester Coleman, whose 1993 book *Trail of the Octopus: From Beirut to Lockerbie* describes the "controlled delivery" tracking process allowed by the DEA for some heroin smuggling activity, an argument that actually exonerates US intelligence from deliberate trucking in heroin for profit. (In the book, Coleman also injected himself into the Casolaro/Inslaw story with the claim that he witnessed the unpacking of the surveillance software PROMIS from boxes marked "PROMIS Ltd, Toronto, Canada". Although it seemed unlikely that such secret dealings would be so trumpeted, the story supported Casolaro informant Michael Riconosciuto's allegations that the software had been sold to the Canadians.) An insurance investigator named Juval Aviv also verified the theory, but was accused of trying to clear Pan Am's security practices of blame for the Lockerbie disaster. Both Coleman and Juval Aviv claim to have since received the kind of harassment that

Chasey says he suffered.

Lobbyists are not investigators. In fact, they are professional shmoozers. The most damning thing about the credibility of *Foreign Agent 4221* is its photo section, showing author Chasey gripping and grinning with such unsavory people as Ed Meese, Dan Quayle, Pete Wilson, even George Bush and Ronald Reagan--and, of course, Muammar Qadhafi. So readers should be cautious that Chasey's book has an agenda, expressed explicitly in the introduction as trying to clear the Libyans of "sole" responsibility for the sabotage over Scotland. There is an attempt here to

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humanize Qadhafi and present the personal side of his losses in protracted struggle with the US (a 16 month old daughter died in a 1986 US bombing). It also includes discussions with the two Libyans indicted for the crime. In the course of all that, it shows also how the CIA "protected Qadhafi and sanctioned his acquisition of the accoutrements of modern terrorism" in a scheme involving three tentacles of Casolaro's Octopus: Edwin Wilson, Theodore Shackley and Thomas Clines. With the agenda antennae up, such tidbits of diplomatic/spook history make *Foreign Agent 4221* compelling reading.

In the long run, maybe the paper trails of all the supporters of Pan Am 103 theory two will trace back to Qadhafi. Or maybe the CIA wants the public to believe that rumors of its involvement in heroin traffic are simply disinfo planted by the Libyans, despite how well they dovetail with a known history of CIA drug dealing stretching from the Golden Triangle of Southeast Asia to the American mafia. Interestingly, a new edition of *Foreign Agent 4221*, retitled *Pan Am 103: The Lockerbie Cover-Up*, is scheduled for publication in the UK and Chasey has had some contact with American publisher Warren Hinckle, who co-wrote *The Fish Is Red* book, which drew Peter Dale Scott's attention to Jose Basulto Leon's terrorist escapades, and who was unable to publish Lester Coleman's book in the US because its distributor, Publishers Group West, bowed to lawsuit pressure.

—Kenn Thomas

Pulling the Cosmic Trigger

Written before Timothy Leary died, but after suffering a non-death via rumors of his own demise on the Internet, Robert Anton Wilson's *Cosmic Trigger Volume III* (\$14.95; New Falcon Publications, 1739 East Broadway Road, Suite 1-277, Tempe, AZ 85282) contains all the humor and erudition readers have come to expect from an author whose living presence has sustained many a conspiracy reader for more than two decades. Wilson explores the funny and not-so-funny dimensions of being declared dead on the information superhighway. His co-author *Illuminatus!* trilogy co-author, Robert Shea, recently died, making the irony of misguided eulogies received by Wilson a bit stinging, particularly those that emphasized the great satiric work the two men wrote together. Like a strand of DNA, however, the inanity of the Wilson-is-Dead rumor replication and mutation in cyberspace ("The CIA killed Robert Anton Wilson...and had LSD advocate Timothy Leary neutralized with a neurotoxin which DESTROYS THE MIND") is interwoven with new research tributaries, for instance plugging the Solar Temple ritual deaths into synchronicity as Wilson has expounded upon it since the first volume of *Cosmic Trigger* in 1977. One such interwoven tributary explores the story of Elmyr de Hory, an art forger whose biography, *Fake!*, was written by Clifford Irving before Irving forged his infamous fraudulent biography of Howard Hughes. It gives the reader pause to check out Orson Welles' documentary, *F is for Fake*, explicated upon by Wilson, which includes the story of Elmyr De Hory as well as Welles' own meditation on art, forgery, life, death and the difference. Since Welles' career was built on the *War of the Worlds* fake/not fake (according to *Buckaroo Banzai*) Martian invasion, his and Wilson's thoughts in this regard have particular relevance in these days of alien autopsies and black helicopter raids over Los Angeles used to promote the film *Independence Day*.

New Falcon offers a list of titles of varying degrees of merit: *The Mysteries Revealed* by Andrew Schneider; *Beyond Duality* by Laurence Gallan; *Metaskills* by Amy Mindell; *Astrology and Consciousness* by Rio Olesky; *Soul Magic* by Katharine Torres; and *Carl Sagan & Immanuel Velikovsky* by Charles Ginenthal. The last is a thorough examination of the differences between famed catastrophist Velikovsky and *Parade Magazine's* spin doctor for scientific normalists. Along with the alternative scientific views of Leary

and James DeMeo, Wilson discusses this debate a bit in *Cosmic Trigger III*, noting with awe "the completeness of it!"

An interesting synchronicity that ties Wilson's book with *Amok Journal, Sensurround Edition*, edited by Stuart Swezey (\$19.95, Amok Books, 1764 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90027) is (biza, stomping ground of the art fakir Elmyr DeHory. It also happens to be the 1965

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birthplace of trepanation, the technique of boring a hole in one's skull in order to stay permanently high. There, Joey Mellen—the author of *Bore Hole*, the central text of this medical procedure—met its first proponent, Bart Hughes. Two members of Parliament have had this done to them and this book contains photos of one of them, Amanda Fielding, having it done, plus a 1992 interview with her from *Fortean Times*. It also includes some Joey Mellen poetry taken from a book by LSD spook Michael Hollingshead. Readers who squint at the idea of drilling a third eye into their skull are warned away from *Amok Journal*. Trepaning takes its place as the least bizarre human behavior documented therein on a list that includes scrotum self-repair, auto-erotic asphyxiation (with a Volkswagen in one instance, making it truly auto-erotic) and amputee fetishism. Much of *Amok Journal* is taken from the medical literature and the presentation looks a bit like an annual report from a Fortune 500 company, making it all the more nerve-wracking to read.

Short Shrift

The opinion of the Arcturus Book Service notwithstanding, David Hatcher Childress' new offering, *Lost Cities of Atlantis, Ancient Europe and the Mediterranean* (\$16.95, Adventures Unlimited Press, Stelle, IL 60919) provides an excellent launch point into the author's scholarship of the maybe-not-so mythical civilization of the ancient past. Like all of Childress' "Lost Cities" series, the text is picaresque, anecdotal and very accessible to

the average reader. It starts as an adventure tale but ends as a waltz through a wealth of accumulated detail on the topic. *Arcturus* has carried so much of the related literature for so long, it's view is jaundiced...sometimes *Steamshovel Press* contributor Jenny Ledeen has produced *Prophecy In the Christian Era* (\$18, Peaceberry Press of Webster Groves, 124 West Lockwood, Suite 116, St. Louis, MO 63119), which, despite the broad stroke of its title, is a particularized comparison of Bob Dylan's 20th century writing to Dante Alighieri's 13th century poetry. Ledeen also examines other poets and the use of "enigma" in the writing, but grounds it with historical notes on the peace movement. It's good to see Dylanology still pursued with a passion. *Angels Don't Play This HAARP* by Jeane Manning and Dr. Nick Begich (\$14.95, Earthpulse Press, POB 201393, Anchorage, Alaska, 99520) remains the best early source on the Alaskan High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program. It's an antennae array for which the US military has many evil plans, notably global communication jams and the



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artificial augmentation of electromagnetic radiation...Under the auspices of *FATE Magazine*, *Strange Encounters* by Curt Sutherly (\$5.99, Llewellyn Publications, St. Paul, MN 55164) collects over thirty years of paranormal observation and even includes the rightly lauded research efforts of people like Loren Coleman and John Keel. It's discussion of the Maury Island incident is actually informed by an FBI report issued through the Freedom of Information Act. The airport-newsstand type format of the book makes this seem remarkable. *Strange Encounters* seems like a book more fit for the specialized paranormal press...One very good place to find that specialized press is *The Anomalist*, edited and published by Dennis Stacy and Patrick Huyghe, although it's avowed purpose, "exploring the mysteries of science, history and nature", makes it sound like *National Geographic*. The latest issue, #3, has a remarkable collection of articles, including Huyghe's observation that so-called skeptics' calls for "extraordinary proof" often have ever-expanding re-definitions of what "extraordinary" means, and Doug Skinner on the little-known artwork of UFO-s/f- pulp-cult hero Richard Shaver. Writing in *The Anomalist* is well-sourced and clearly written, a scholarly effort intended to be absorbed over time. Only two issues come out annually, and they are available for \$9.95 plus \$2 postage (\$5 overseas) from (checks payable to) Dennis Stacy, POB 12434, San Antonio, TX 78212.

—Kenn Thomas

Things Are Gonna Slide

Strategy of Tension I: Investigative authorities contend that they have not ruled out any possibilities for the cause of the crash of TWA Flight 800, but they have yet to examine the obvious possibility of UFO involvement. Air crash death caused by UFOs in the modern lore date to the January 7, 1948 death of Captain Thomas Mantell, who went down in his P51 Mustang training plane after chasing a bright disc-shaped object to 15,000 feet. TWA Flight 800 came down at the same altitude. The FBI acknowledges nine witnesses seeing a cylindrical object approach Flight 800 before the consequent fireball; reports on the Internet had 100 witnesses. One witness, NY Coast Guard Captain Fritz Meyer, noted that what he saw resembled a "shooting star" and came down to the plane from above. Researcher and author Loren Coleman passes on from *UFO Roundup* reports that UFOs were sighted in Johnston, Rhode Island, 70 air miles northeast and 45 minutes before the crash of the TWA plane and again in Toronto 15 minutes before the crash. *Steamshovel Debris:* the passenger manifest of Flight 800 included the name "Lars Hansen," an Americanized version of Lars Hansson, a conspiracy researcher interviewed twice in *Steamshovel Press*. Various press versions of the TWA list did not include descriptions of passenger Lars Hansen's occupation and attempts to reach researcher Lars Hansson did not bear fruit. Still, *Steamshovel* regards this as a coincidence of names. The name of the captain of Flight 800 was Kevorkian.]. *Steamshovel Classics Illustrated:* Comics writer Doug Moench produced a large comic book for DC Comics illustrating well-known conspiracy theories, including many taken from the pages of *Steamshovel Press*. Entitled *The Big Book of Conspiracies*, it points comic book readers to real reading and gives long-time con watchers a reason to read a comic book. For those in-between, Ivan Stang notes in the intro that Moench "has saved you a lot of homework", which means a lot of footnotes to Jon Vankin, Tom Lytle, *Flatland*, Jim Keith, Don Ecker, James Shelby Downard, Robert Anton Wilson, and *Steamshovel*, but without the address or subscription rates, *Steamshovel* returns the favor by not including order information for the book here. A research trip to the comic book archives, however, revealed that Moench joined

the Merry Marvel Marching Society—Marvel Comics' in-house fan club—in November 1968, the same month as "Bruce Roberts," the name of the researcher responsible for surfacing the Gemstone Files. *What about when the superheroine sucks blood?* Another comics writer, T. Casey Brennan, author of *Vampirella of Drakulon* comic, wants to learn if he and his father are related to Warren Commission witness H. L. Brennan since they

HE FBI ACKNOWLEDGES NINE
WITNESSES SEEING A CYLINDRICAL
OBJECT APPROACH FLIGHT 800
BEFORE THE CONSEQUENT FIRE-
BALL; REPORTS ON THE INTERNET
HAD 100 WITNESSES

were beaten and robbed of more than \$1400 then bound and gagged and set on fire in 1975. Brennan has since led a crusade to get comics characters to forsake smoking because of "the subtle message given to young people when their heroes are smokers." Information about any link between T. Casey and H. L. should be directed to 317 S. Division St., #181, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104. *Strategy of Tension II:* If the FBI ever makes a case for the culpability of security guard Richard Jewell in the bombing of the Olympics' Centennial Park in Atlanta, one point that will not be made to federal lawmakers contemplating draconian "anti-terrorism" legislation: Jewell was hired as part of already excessive security measures that can never guarantee protection from committed terrorists. Jewell's psychological profile—a little too eager to exert his authority to harass innocent citizens—fits the bureaucratic profile of the national insecurity apparatus. *Fictionalized History/Historicized Fiction: Wisdom's Maw* is the title of a novel by Todd Brendan Fahey that uses Kerouac, Cassady, Al Hubbard, Aldous Huxley, even Hunter S. Thompson and many other familiars to tell the fictionalized tale of "paid government agents seeking to subvert the American consciousness." It may not sound like fiction to some readers as Fahey trots these counter-culture figures through an espionage story involving MKULTRA that is all too familiar. The book should expect to draw fire for using actual names in very thinly veiled actual historic situations, especially without the burden of documentation that fiction affords. Fahey's recounting of the Mary Pinchot Meyer story, for

instance, has the African American man acquitted of her murder hanging "himself with a bedsheet in his jail cell awaiting arraignment." In fact, the man, whose name—not used by Fahey—was Raymond Crump, reportedly fled as far from Washington, DC as he could after the incident. Someone named Raymond Crump, an African American involved with theft of janitorial equipment from a high school, was living in Oakland, CA as late as 1989. Fahey's book is available for \$16.95 plus \$2 postage from Far Gone Books, POB 43745, Lafayette, LA 70504-3745. *More Meyer fiction:* author John H. Davis, the Jackie O. cousin who wrote *Mafia Kingfish* pinning JFK's death on the mob, has assumed the research on Mary Pinchot Meyer's biography gathered by Leo Damore before his suicide last December. He thinks RFK did Meyer in... *Jimmy Carter's UFO briefing:* Researcher Josh Goldstein tracked the story of Jack McGeorge, the Jimmy Carter security guard who—according to a report once given by a journalist named Harry Levelson—was debriefed about the UFO situation. The story went that McGeorge and Carter were shown films of meetings with the aliens. McGeorge is currently consulted regularly in the media for his security expertise. Goldstein contacted McGeorge and reports: "Yes, McGeorge was in the Secret Service from 1974-1980, as a technical security specialist on chemical and biological warfare and bombs within the Technical Security Division. He briefed Carter on two occasions about security matters but he says none of that had anything to do with UFOs and that he honestly had no exposure to such material. He knows no one in the Secret Service who did. He believes the story started when he was a consultant to the Green Berets in New York. Someone there was kind of a nut case who later made up the story and told it to Harry Levelson. So he says he would like to strangle Levelson."... *At least they didn't call it The Files Files:* Another "first and only" jailhouse confession to the JFK assassination has been making the rounds of mainstream video outlets like Blockbuster. Researcher Joe West had almost goaded the confession out of James E. Files until West died in 1993. West's associates taped the confession a year later and are now trumpeting it as "The Most Important Video To Ever Be Released In The History Of The Industry." Presumably this means the JFK assassination cottage industry. Files is currently serving a term in Joliet State Penitentiary for murder. *Mad Milk Cow Blues:* Somerset farmer Mark Purdey argues that Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, Mad Cow Disease,

was produced by organo-phosphorous pesticides... *Tim Leary's Bitchy Obituaries:* Jonah Raskin complained in the *Santa Rosa Democrat* that he "refused to grow up or to become a responsible adult though he was married four times and had two children and published more than a dozen books." PBS' *Newshour* had Robert Coles, a pundit in a fright wig who remarked that Leary appealed to "self-indulgent people who have wherewithal and political and economic power, the ordinary working people of this country, black, white, whatever, never got involved with this" and offered a conspiracy theory: "Richard Nixon and Timothy Leary tied together beautifully for the purposes of the 1968 election and Nixon knew it." Jack Boulware in *SF Weekly* summed up his sentiment about Tim Leary succinctly: "Fucking



Hippy." He also noted that "Fucking hippies always told us young punks what to do. They knew better, because their eyes were opened to the bullshit, man. Fucking hippies always preached the power of the individual— and gathered in mass groups to prove their point. Fucking hippies thought if you scarf-danced to a guitar solo long enough, the bombing of Cambodia would cease. Fucking hippies are responsible for America's archetypal conspiracy-nut niche, the Army jacket guy standing at a microphone waving documents, yelling, 'In 1962, man, the CIA was running tests on me, and they were running them on you too, man. They still won't admit it! Release the files!' Boulware did admit, however, that Leary "had some juice." Jim Mosely in *Saucer Smear* noted of Leary, "We met him once in New York City, long after the golden age of the 1960s was over. He mentioned something about having become interested in UFOs during his time in prison." Steamshovel, of course, has already filed its Freedom of Information request for Leary's files. A video-clip tribute to Leary is now available from Steamshovel for \$16... *Hey, you, get offa my*

Shroud: The Shroud of Turin, believed by many to be the actual burial cloth of Jesus and seen by others as a clever medieval forgery, will be exhibited by the Vatican in both 1998 and 2000. 1998 marks the 100th anniversary of the first photographs taken of the Shroud, revealing from the indistinct human form on the Shroud became a life-like portrait of a crucified man with all the wounds described in the Gospels as inflicted upon Jesus Christ. The year 2000 will be a "Holy Year" in Rome. It's not clear if the Shroud will actually be brought to Rome or will just be shown in Turin for that occasion. These exhibitions indicate that the Vatican does not accept the C-14 results of 1988 that claimed that the Shroud only dated back to AD 1260-1390. In the meantime, scientific research on the cloth remains unabated. Research in the United States is seeking to confirm the claim of Russian scientists that the fire suffered by the Shroud in 1532 added extra carbon to the cloth, thus yielding an incorrect C-14 result in 1988. Several scientists are working on theories that the image was formed by some sort of radiation that emanated from the body of the man in the Shroud. Two researchers in San Antonio have claimed that a microscopic layer of bacteria and fungi may have thrown off C-14 dating of the Shroud and all other ancient fabrics by hundreds, even thousands of years. Two Italian scientists studying the Shroud say that they have discovered, using computerized instruments, the image of a Roman coin minted by Pontius Pilate. One of the most famous critics of the Shroud, Dr. Walter McCrone, who had become renowned by his study in the early 1970s of a well-known object called "The Vinland Map," has had his Shroud work called into question. McCrone, who believes the Shroud is a medieval painting, had asserted that the Vinland Map, believed to have been from around AD 1440 and to show the first cartographic evidence of North America, was a twentieth century forgery. Tests in 1985 and more recent testing show that the map is indeed authentic. Several symposia on the Shroud are being held in the near future: one in Esopus, New York on August 23-25 will honor Fr. Adam Otterbein, president of the Holy Shroud Guild, celebrating his 80th year in the Redemptorist order; in Nice, France, a symposium is planned for May 1997; and in August 1997, a symposium will be held in Colorado Springs. During the 1998

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Turin exhibition, the 3rd World Congress on the Shroud will be held in Turin. (Thanks to John Hayward for this report.) *Ron Brown Nose Dive (Strategy of Tension III):* The most thorough discussion of political wrangling that might have led to the possible sabotage of Commerce Secretary Ron Brown's plane came in the form of historicized fiction/fictionalized history by investment advisor Nick Guarino in *Wall Street Underground*, who blames the crash on "a standing network of high-level killers sometimes called the Octopus," but Ace Hayes of *Portland Free Press* had the most chilling conclusion regarding the lack of radio contact for the last five minutes on Brown's doomed plane: "No radio for the last five minutes means the crew was popped with a cockpit cyanide bomb, per the Dorothy Hunt flight 399 into Chicago O'Hare Airport, 1973." *Mensapause:* Trying to deal with the Moongate—research that brings up some interesting and disturbing

"NO RADIO FOR THE LAST FIVE MINUTES MEANS THE CREW WAS POPPED WITH A COCKPIT CYANIDE BOMB, PER THE DOROTHY HUNT FLIGHT 399 INTO CHICAGO O'HARE AIRPORT, 1973."

questions about the lunar landings and the possibility that they were faked—*Parade* columnist Marilyn Vos Savant came up with this crystal clear analysis: "you chose to believe that the scientists were honest when they said the Moon was covered with dust, and you used that choice to prove the scientists were dishonest when they said that astronauts landed there. This is logically weak. You could just as easily say that because the astronauts left footprints there, the Moon must not be covered with dust." So trust those scientists, damn it! They told you the moon was there in the first place. *Digging Roswell:* At about the same time the Air Force was trying to produce its new version of what happened at Roswell, NM in 1947, the U. S. Geological Survey, under Bruce Babbitt's Interior Department, produced a CD-ROM illustrating the geology and mineral and energy resources of the area—perhaps reflecting also the level of intelligence work going on there at the time. If the survey measured the Deadly Orgone Radiation that Reich found there in the 1950s, it probably didn't include that information here (for

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The University and the Ghetto Mind

BY DR. ROY LISKER

I. Prejudice, Politics and the Enclave

Much of what we call prejudice arises from a simple lack of familiarity. Whenever one community has, owing to barriers of custom, clan, religion or economics, infrequent and guarded contact with another, both come to regard each other as being different in essence. With enough time this mutual suspicion becomes a habit, ingrained and automatic.

Like the streets of one's neighborhood or the contours of the horizon, the misconceptions engendered through artificial, even enforced, isolation, come to appear self-evident, the unquestioned givens of social reality. In times of stress or economic hardship these latent assumptions, of which people by and large are not even aware, will rise to the surface, determining collective behavior, degenerating, in the worst case, into ignorant hatred, so that what reposed formerly in the form of a vague uneasiness or disinclination to associate with the other is now overcast with the blinding glimmerings of fact: anecdotal proofs of inferiority, or immorality, or predispositions to violence.

We can see this process at work in two widely distanced social milieu. Indeed, it is only because the gulf between them is so vast that it does not occur to us to draw comparisons between them: ethnic ghettos and academic departments of fields of knowledge. Most descriptions of the closed, alienated or ghettoed mind focus upon the former. Let it not however be forgotten that the perpetuation of narrow-minded enclaves called "Mathematics", "English", "Business Administration", "Art History", etc., though apparently benign, has extensive consequences in terms of the propulsion of a destructive fragmentation of all intellectual activity throughout the culture. This has, in our own time, lead to a society which, with each succeeding generation, is becoming progressively more innumerate, functionally illiterate, manually inept, politically passive, xenophobic; in the fullest sense of the word, backward.

For our purposes a 'ghetto' will be defined as any self-contained community whose identity depends upon the maintenance of arbitrary or

artificial social barriers. Although these barriers are externally imposed, they quickly internalize. No correlation with poverty is intended: an affluent all-white suburb is as much a ghetto as New York's Bedford-Stuveysant, Philadelphia's Columbia Avenue, or Boston's South End.

This model certainly fits Education as much as it does the economic, religious or ethnic enclaves to which it is usually applied.

I am interested in examining the intellectual consequences of the creation of "mental ghettos" out of the various branches of knowledge. One finds this phenomenon at every institution of higher learning. The pathology seems to intensify with the size or importance of the institution. For example, Harvard, Stanford, Columbia, Princeton, etc., the large, prestigious research universities, although under the delusion that they are giving a better sort of education, are merely the most thorough in staining the souls of their enrollment with ignorant prejudices about how English majors can never understand mathematics, or how sociology is inferior to physics, or how it is a waste of time for an anthropologist ever to go to a seminar in French poetry.

I sense that the value of my insight lies in the way I have highlighted the mental liability emerging from this insidious academic politics: because the mathematician comes to believe that his mind has a structure that is different in essence from that of an English scholar, he actually shuts down a region within thought: in some sense the entire portion of his brain from which literary and linguistic thought are generated. The academic community, including faculty, undergraduates, graduate students and even administration, becomes a collection of "ethnic" ghettos, ('ethnicity' of math, 'ethnicity' of linguistics, etc...) its barriers maintained, just as they are in any immigrant district in the big cities, by ignorant prejudice and fear.

The professors of each discipline then transmit this largely unconscious bias to generations of students, who may then go through life believing that certain kinds of ability are, owing to some intrinsic defect in their makeup, either forever beyond their grasp, or beneath their consideration.

I have been a direct witness of the consequences of prejudices existing between different disciplines, reinforced as they are by so many factors: by the fatuousness of academic politics; by the over-specialization that derives from the need to stay on top of one's field; by the

TO WALK THROUGH THIS BUILDING IS TO HAVE A FORETASTE OF ENTOMBMENT. COUGHING AND GASPING, TEACHERS AND THEIR STUDENTS LABOR IN THIS PEA-SOUP FOG FROM DECADE TO DECADE ... THE CONVICTION, SUPPORTED BY RELIABLE DATA, THAT THEY WOULD BE TREATED AS INTRUDERS FROM REVEILED CONTIGUOUS CLANS, IS EQUALED ONLY BY THEIR OWN DETERMINATION TO REPEL THE REST OF THE INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITY THROUGH THE GENERATION OF A POISON CLOUD OF UNRELIEVED TEDIUM.

avoidance of all contact with departments other than one's own or, very occasionally that of some closely related field, (physicists may show up at times at mathematics seminars); by the stagnation of the sources of intellectual life down the long, dreary corridors of university departments, where legions of scholars, functionally handicapped by excessive co-habitation with a single mode of thought, rot through the long decades.

The poverty of imagination which is a characteristic of most scholarly discourse in the modern world results in large part from the hostility felt and shown towards other disciplines and the consequent inability to grasp their intellectual tools: universities have become the Third World of the mind.

An eloquent example: one might think that, with the introduction of the New Math into public education in the late 50's and 60's, it could be taken for granted that scholars in letters, history, biology, economics, (even in so-called 'criminal justice'), are able to use basic notions from modern algebra such as sets, unions and intersections, Boolean algebra, isomorphisms, commutative and transitive laws, modular arithmetic, etc. I suppose that I am being facetious, because we all know that the educational experiment of the New Math collapsed at the same time, in societies as different as Russia and the U.S., all over the world. This squares with my basic thesis: the root of the failure of the New Math lay in the enclave mentality endemic to the trans-continental

university.

II. The Chauvinism of Mental Faculties

The impenetrability of the fiefdoms will generally differ from one university to the next. The relative isolation of specific fields may change from place to place, yet there are certain branches of higher learning in which fear, even hostility, towards the surrounding world comes with the territory: Mathematics and Music for example. Both of these require strong commitment and specialization. The concentrated withdrawal required for mathematical research provides an understandable attraction for congenital introverts; while Music has an equally strong appeal to a certain kind of extrovert/ introvert: someone who presents an aura of excessive friendliness yet is totally self-preoccupied, without much real friendliness underneath.

These types can set the style in university faculties. I well recall walking down the corridors of the Music Department at the University of Colorado at Boulder, with almost every door slamming in my face as I approached it. (1) More or less the same thing happened to me when I visited the San Francisco Conservatory: music conservatories are historically notorious for their inculcation of the manacled mind: the feat of trying to visit Julliard, for example, is akin to gaining access to the Potala.

Departments of languages, philology, area studies, anthropology, etc. - the 'Artifact' sciences - are often so stuffy that they don't have to eject foreigners. It is assumed that most visitors from the outside world will either suffocate or flee. To convince you of this, I advise you to invest one hour wandering the labyrinths of Dwinelle Hall at U.C. Berkeley. Dwinelle Hall is the name given a conglomerate of 3 or 4 buildings grafted onto one another more crudely than the body parts of the creatures in H.G. Wells' Island of Dr. Moreau. All of the artifact sciences have roosted in the rafters of these damp condominiums: languages, comparative literature, linguistics, rhetoric, communications, geography.

To walk through this building is to have a foretaste of entombment. Coughing and gasping, teachers and their students labor in this pea-soup fog from decade to decade, never ever save on the rarest of occasions attending any seminar or lecture or coffee hour or informal discussion in math, physics, chemistry, fine arts, law, business, computer science, economics, geology, optometry... The conviction, supported by reliable

data, that they would be treated as intruders from reviled contiguous clans, is equaled only by their own determination to repel the rest of the intellectual community through the generation of a poison cloud of unrelieved tedium.

Star Trek and the Science Section of the *NY Times* have taught T.C. Mits (2) that the 'hard sciences' are the most glamorous. These disciplines thus find themselves forced to react much more aggressively towards turf-violators: somebody from Engineering with a novel opinion concerning the extinction of the dinosaurs may decide to drop in at the Geology coffee hour; a professor of German who was told in a dream that the sun is alive may visit Astronomy; a biologist may try to prevail upon an astrophysicist to search for platyhelminthes in the Microwave Radiation; a cleaning woman may have discovered an amazing, short proof of Fermat's Last Theorem.

Mathematicians, of course, find cranks everywhere. I estimate the chances as about 60% in, say 80% of all mathematics departments, that anyone walking into their common rooms who is not immediately identifiable as a mathematician, will be assumed to be a crank. There is some logic to this; what sane person would voluntarily submit to such tribal xenophobia? At the same time, the reception given to a bonafide crank may not be as chilly as that given to a science writer. There are situations in which it actually helps to pretend that you are interested in the mathematics of flying saucer piloting, rather than state that you are researching an article on, say, Non-Standard Arithmetic.

Even as street gangs, armed with baseball bats, switch blade knives and guns will invade the territory of another, one finds equivalent behavior in the academic world. The classic well-documented example of this is the scurvy treatment that the Humanities Division at the Institute for Advanced Study has always received from the dominant class of mathematicians and physicists who, through the use of their transcendental intelligence, have concluded that human scientists are neither human nor scientists.

I do not want to leave the impression that Mathematics departments are necessarily the most unfriendly to intruders. In fact, all science departments function essentially like racially homogeneous enclaves, warrens of dark minds steeped in suspicion, superstition, ignorance and fear. (3) Psychology departments are, by and large, so frightening that I almost never go into them. When I walked into the Geology department at

U.C. Berkeley in 1986, a senior researcher, waving his arms like a maddened bully, came running out of his office shouting: "What are you doing around here!?" The same thing happened in the Chemistry department at Wesleyan University in 1992. A similar reception greeted me in 1985 from the Stanford Mathematics department. (4) In 1987, an architecture professor at U.C. Berkeley called out the campus police on me when I tried to sell him a subscription to my newsletter *Ferment*. When the cops caught up with me they laughed louder than I did. These may be considered isolated incidents, more indicative perhaps of the paranoia of specific individuals than of the character of institutional life.

I've been waiting for years for the right moment to recount the Smith College story; its time has come at last. In the summer of 1986 I was canvassing Smith for customers for *Ferment* Press books and potential *Ferment* subscribers. Bruce Hawkins of the Physics department, a very fine and hospitable man, had been a subscriber for a few years. I first visited him, then fanned out around the campus.

In every department that I visited there was at least one person who immediately got on the phone to campus security to complain that "Someone's going around selling books!" A pudgy, middle-aged lumbering cop caught up with me towards evening. What I was doing, he explained, with a peculiar look in his eye, was against campus regulations. I promised to stop. He continued to regard me strangely. Then he bent over, (no mean task given the size of his paunch), placed his mouth close to my ear and whispered: "What kinda books you got in that bag?" (5)

Finally I want to relate an anecdote to illustrate how 'racial' barriers may arise even within the precincts of a single department. I was on the campus of Washington University in the summer of 1984. I visited various places before alighting on its English department. Here I uncovered a small lounge with four faculty members sitting about. I walked in, described myself as a writer, and explained that I was in St. Louis for the first time and wanted to meet other writers.

I must give them this much credit: they weren't offended by my question and they did seriously consider it. The man nearest the door replied: "We aren't writers. We're scholars." After a moment or so, a woman at the back of the room added: "All of the writers are at the Breadloaf Writers' Conference."

III. Higher Education as the Formation of Intellectual Handicaps

All forms of prejudice handicap thought; this inquiry has touched on prejudice emerging within the sub-divisions of thought itself. The roots of this form of prejudice are surprisingly similar to those that give rise to all other forms of intolerance. Persons working in a certain field see themselves almost as a different race because they cultivate a unique mental aptitude. And there are those who go so far as to find a genetic basis for this uniqueness. It seems scarcely credible today, but I actually know of a mathematician at U.C. Berkeley who, during the Jenny Harrison tenure crisis, asserted that women can't do mathematics because their brain capacity is smaller.

There exist, in the structure of university life, physical barriers between disparate talents and modes of thought, almost as if there were barriers inside the brain itself between the right and left hemispheres. These are products of politics; resentment; fear; competitiveness; a continually reinforced inertia that fixes one's time and energy within the narrow obsessional circle of a single subject, or a small number of related subjects; finally, a blithe unawareness (6) of the fact that one's cultural horizons have been shaped by prejudices as blatant as those that handicap Afrikaners, anti-Semites, Serbs, Croats, or Islamic fundamentalists.

Because educators do not seem to have realized that the invention of mental categories is a form of prejudice, they pass this world picture on to their students, who upon graduation will inject them into the mainstream of culture. So that a John Allen Paulos must write a series of books to prove to us that almost all Americans are innumerate. Or a Rudolf Flesch, in his still relevant, "Why Johnny Can't Read" can report that almost all of us are functionally illiterate. Or a Suzuki, by means of the famous dictum: "All Japanese children speak Japanese", must remind us that we all have musical talent. Or a Stephen Jay Gould, who is obliged to devote many hours to fighting Creationism, wonders aloud where this peculiar ideological virus has its breeding grounds. Or the news media can continue to get away with deluging us with oceans of specious, misleading or worthless statistics.

The mental racism of the academy has a considerable role in the promotion of this state of affairs, though there are obviously many factors at work. It may just be that the educational establishment is becoming more reactionary as its

role in society becomes increasingly irrelevant. In a world in which destabilizing chance is so dependable, much of our education becomes useless even before we graduate. Each field rushes to the defence of its superior virtues because of the fear that nothing in our civilization may be able to outlast the power of our technological imagination. Already the Internet has undermined copyright law; synthesizers are making composers, and even musicians, obsolete; children who use pocket calculators don't feel they need to learn how to add or multiply; television has abolished literacy; political participation is reduced to a manipulated toggle switch between clones; art and philosophy are all but totally submerged in the fight for the buck; much of our science has been diverted into the invention and production of weapons of mass destruction.

It would be futile to speculate further on the direction in which these phenomena are leading us. It may be that many of them will work themselves out in the long run. My intention has been achieved if I have succeeded in identifying a particular species of ideological disease, a form of racism within the intellect, deeply embedded in academic life and leading ultimately to a handicapped society.

Notes:

1. I've since been assured by a number of people that this department is thoroughly second rate.
2. The Celebrated Man In The Street.
3. How's that for rhetoric!
4. Then again, Ivan Streletsky was just then being released from prison.
5. To quote Allen Ginsberg, "This really happened".
6. Universities are traditionally hotbeds of blithe unawareness.

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Letter from the UK

BY ROBIN RAMSAY

"What's been did and what's been hid."

Order! Order! Betty Boothroyd, the KGB and MI5

It can be hard to understand another political culture. The British and American assemblies, your Senate/Congress, our Parliament, both have "Speakers". It looks similar but it isn't. Your Speaker has real power; ours is essentially someone who chairs the meeting, makes decisions on procedure. And our "Speakers" take pride in being neutral, unbiased. (Which is why they are chosen.) Even so, there have been odd rumblings in the last year from the Conservative Party that the current British Speaker of the House of Commons, Betty Boothroyd was prejudiced against them. For Betty Boothroyd is - was - a Labour MP. The charge had no foundation as far as I am aware. It was simply an attempt to put pressure on the Speaker. We are entering General Election year; there are lots of stinky scandals in the Conservative political closet; they don't want a Speaker too keen on airing them in the House of Commons.

So no shock - surprise, yes - when the (London) *Sunday Times*, 18 February 1996 ran a long story about KGB - and MI5 - attempts to recruit Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker of the House of Commons, thirty years ago. In 1965 the young and rather glamorous Betty Boothroyd, former show-girl Betty Boothroyd (a Tiller girl), worked as the personal secretary to one of the junior Ministers at the Foreign Office of the then Labour government, Lord Walston. (Equivalent of, say, an Under Secretary at the State Department.) She had been an unsuccessful candidate for MP. A KGB officer in London tried to recruit her. Standard KGB tactics of the period; good-looking man goes romancing among the political lower orders; secretaries are favourite. He bought her lunch; he bought her lunch again and asked her to get some documents for him - nothing secret, just Labour Party policy documents. Absurd: the Labour Party would have sent them to the Soviet Embassy on request.

Betty Boothroyd, loyal citizen, would-be

Member of Parliament, knew where her duty lay. She told her boss: her boss called in MI5, the Security Service, our version of the spy-hunting wing of the FBI. But the MI5 officer didn't say "Well done." He mis-read her, mistaking turning in Strelnikov, the KGB officer, for the act of a serious anti-communist. He treated her like a walk-in, someone MI5 could recruit. He tried to recruit her to spy on some Labour Members of Parliament - her party. She refused. MI5 did what they do so well. They bad-mouthed her at the Foreign Office where she was working for Lord Walston and she was banned. The head of MI5 told Prime Minister Wilson that she had been having an affair with this KGB officer.

STANDARD KGB TACTICS OF THE PERIOD; GOOD-LOOKING MAN GOES ROMANCING AMONG THE POLITICAL LOWER ORDERS; SECRETARIES ARE FAVOURITE

Betty Boothroyd is quoted now as saying "I don't care a monkey's what they think of me." But back then, like all the other Labour Party people who were smeared by MI5, she took her fucking in silence.

There are two interesting features to this story. The first is that this episode did not arise during the 1986-90 period when ex MI5 officer, Peter Wright - Spycatcher - and others blew the whistle on MI5, and in particular the attempts by some MI5 personnel to discredit the Labour Government of Harold Wilson. In the resulting we fall-out we learned of several Labour MPs who had run-ins with MI5 in that period. But nothing, from either Prime Harold Wilson or Boothroyd, on her experience.

The second point of note is really an extension of the first. Why now? Betty Boothroyd, the august Speaker of the House of Commons, is perhaps the most respected woman in Britain, the majority choice in a recent poll for the imaginary post of President, were we ever to get off our knees and get rid of the Royal Family. (Can you imagine living in a country which has a Queen, in 1996? And a country which has no republican movement? Weird.) Why would she choose to bring this up now? (For the story came from her.)

My immediate reading was that MI5 - an instinctive supporter of the Conservative Party - has leaked the story of her lunches with the man from the Soviet Embassy. This KGB story will be behind the rumblings in the Conservative ranks.

The threat of the smear to try and keep her in line. But, intelligent lady, she knew - or was advised to - get her version of the story into the media first. A pre-emptive strike by Boothroyd.

The call of duty

The thing that's hard to grasp about the defenders of the Warren Commission version of events is just how important it is to some of them. Serious, intelligent, people are willing to make themselves look utterly ridiculous in the pursuit of that goal. (Presumably they tell themselves they are doing it in the interests of a higher goal, the US national interest.) The latest is Peter Grose in his routine *Gentleman Spy: the Life of Allen Dulles* (Andre Deutsch, London, 1995). On the jacket we learn that Grose was a long-time foreign and diplomatic correspondent for the *New York Times*, executive editor of *Foreign Affairs* (CFR), and worked in the State Department under Jimmy Carter. Because his subject, Dulles, was one of the lynch-pins of the Warren Commission, Grose has to deal with Oswald. This is in a footnote on p. 550:

"Critics have seized on the rumour from Minsk about Oswald's poor marksmanship. Other information acquired by the Commission and subsequent investigators is convincing that whatever he showed in Minsk, he was certainly good enough with a rifle to have made the three shots from the Texas Book Depository on November 22."

But there was no such "other information": nor, indeed, could the FBI's best marksmen replicate Oswald's alleged feat.

Matrix, Matrixes, Matrices?

A couple of people have offered me copies of the various Matrix books which are now a standard feature on the crankier end of the UFO literature. Author - compiler - of these massive photocopy collections, Mr Valerian, exhibits in extreme form the basic methodology of many of the so-called New Age theorists: chuck every conspiracy theory, bit of new knowledge, pseudo-knowledge and rumour into a big pan and stew it up. Like Britain's leading global conspiracy theorist, David Icke, Valerian believes that if it is in print it must be true. Flatland's Jim Martin commented: "Valerian holds out the hope that we will move away from the alien 'control paradigm' and question 'all paradigms' and maybe even adopt a 'scientific holism' and the whole planet

will change overnight in a polar shift in the global consciousness. Gee whizz, I sure hope so. First I need to don my foil helmet and finish reading *Matrix 3:2*.....let's see..."

The PELT dossier

One Michael Todd (24 Fairfax Avenue, Selby, Yorkshire, UK) is offering copies of this dossier which, it is alleged, contains information - "irrefutable information" - of a world-wide conspiracy; 30 offices world-wide and a network of 25,000 highly trained and motivated "Intelligence Officers". The aim of PELT? To discredit,

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COUNTRY WHICH HAS A QUEEN, IN
1996? AND A COUNTRY WHICH HAS
NO REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT?
WEIRD.

destabilise and destroy the alternative movement in Europe. (By which he means animal rights, organic food, eco-groups, peace groups etc.) Intriguing, if implausible, stuff; but the dossier costs L95 (about \$140). I asked Mr Todd for a sample of his evidence received no reply.

Beams and Motes

There was a really comic piece in the (London) *Sunday Telegraph* (4 February 1996) bemoaning a reported closing down of foreign scholars 'access to the archives of the former Soviet Union and its Communist Party'. Historian of the Soviet Union, Robert Conquest, is quoted as saying that, "If they shut the archives that would remind me of the burning of the library of Alexandria or the emperor who had all the books circulating in China destroyed." Somewhat over the top, perhaps? And do we hear Conquest clamouring for access to, say, the British Conservative Party's files, or for a Freedom of Information Act over here? Or even for the release of the files on the now defunct Foreign Office/M16 psy-war outfit, the Information Research Department, his erstwhile employer? No sir, we do not.

Uncle Sam's a generous man

In the entertaining memoir of the Conservative Party MP Julian Critchley, *A Bag of Boiled Sweets* (Faber and Faber, London, 1995), there is a glimpse of how the US government provides freebies for sympathetic British MPs.

"What was most coveted among the up-and-coming in the House was a Smith-Mundt scholarship to visit America. I let it be known that I had yet to visit the Land of the Free and, lo and behold, I received a summons to attend the US cultural attache in Grosvenor Square....Six weeks in America, going where one wished, a handsome per diem in dollars and the gift of twelve books of my choice." (p. 77)

Books, even!

The Professionals

Perhaps the single most striking piece in the British mass media in the last year was "Gulf of Despair" by Peter Beaumont in the (London) *Observer*, 14 January 1996, reporting that when the Gulf War broke out the British Army top brass discovered they had virtually no Army;

"The mustering of the armed forces for the Gulf revealed the unthinkable. The four British divisions on the Rhine....proved so ill-maintained that the best Britain could muster was a single armoured division - and only after cannabulising its remaining Challenger tanks for spares....the Challengers broke down so often that the RAF had to organise a 'Red Star' service to supply a stream of spares...some British tank crews...had not fired their tank's main gun for two years...the Tories, the party of strong defence, had allowed the armed forces to become so over-stretched that the country's reputation as a serious military player was on the line."

The story nicely illustrates the basic role of the UK in the New World Order. As the British empire declined after World War 2 the British state hitched its wagon to the American caravan. (The British state thought that in protecting its empire against nationalism, the US would protect the remnants of the British version. We became the new school bully's best friend would be another way of putting it.) As British decline continued so did its contribution to the various Anglo-American military and intelligence projects. These days the British role, apart from that of the US "floating aircraft carrier", has been reduced to serving as a fig-leaf of "international support" covering US

actions. Those in the US, for example the LaRouchies, who continue to believe that the UK has some kind of control over America should take note: one armoured division...

The New World Order

I'm curious about how long this expression has been in use. The earliest reference I have seen so far is in Douglas Reed's, *Far and Wide* (The Non-Fiction Book Club, London, 1952). On p. 345 Reed refers to "a mysterious 'Group for a New World Order' headed by a Mr. Moritz Gomberg, which existed in 1942. How reliable this report is I don't know. Reed was an early conspiracy theorist and (lightly concealed) anti-Semite who achieved some fame in Britain in the 1930s.

Late breaking news on the Militias - of 1838

Fans of the US Militias might like to order from their library a copy of *The Rise and Fall of the Patriot Hunters* by Oscar A. Kinchen (Bookman Associates, New York, 1956). Kinchen describes the formation of a "vast secret society known as the Hunters Lodges or Patriot Hunters" which formed in some of the American states bordering Canada in the late 1830s with the objective of helping the Canadians throw off the yoke of..... British rule. What was that old adage which ends ... "the second time as farce"?

Robin Ramsay publishes an indispensable journal of political and conspiratorial insight in England entitled *Lobster*, which comes out in June and December every year. Despite its complaints about the dross and inaccurate perception in *Steamshovel Press*, *Lobster* contains well-documented and relevant study of the conspiracy culture. A single issue is available for about \$8 US from 214 Westbourne Avenue, Hull 3JB, UK.



Report From Iron Mountain and The Protocols of the Elders of Zion:

Alleged Hoax Makes Comeback

BY URI DOWBENKO

Just as Orwell's 1984, originally titled 1948, predicted accurately albeit satirically the surveillance society of today's National Security State of America, the reprinting of *Report from Iron Mountain on the Possibility and Desirability of Peace* likewise still holds awesome prescient powers, especially in retrospect.

According to the *New Yorker* magazine legend/cover story, May 13, 1996, however, the authors of *Report from Iron Mountain* were just a bunch of happy-go-lucky lefties who thought it would be a lark to publish a think-tank study in the bureaucratese writing style and pass it off as the real thing.

These three, novelist E.L. Doctorow, freelance writer Leonard C. Lewin and *Nation* publisher Victor Navasky, later enlisted fellow prankster Harvard professor John Kenneth Galbraith who vouched for its authenticity in a *Washington Post* book review.

Curiously, however, the book holds up remarkably well as a prophetic document. Is it really a satire? Or has it become a blueprint for the future?

Whatever its origin or intent, the book nevertheless seems to accurately predict the current amoral, cynical and dissembling state of affairs in US government policies and actions.

When it was first published in 1967, the controversial (?) hoax (?) *Report from Iron Mountain...* concluded that "economic surrogates for war must meet two principal criteria. They must be 'wasteful', in the common sense of the word, and they must operate outside the normal supply-demand system.

What does that mean? It certainly sounds like government-sponsored social welfare programs.

Enumerating "economic surrogates for war", the book cites, "Health. Drastic expansion of medical research, education and training facilities." (p. 59)

Could that be a prediction of the on-going never-ending always-increasing War on Cancer? Or the War on AIDS? Or the War on Drugs? Or maybe the War on Violence sponsored by the Center for Disease Control itself?

How about "the general objective of complete government-guaranteed health care for all at a level consistent with current developments in medical technology" (p.59)?

Hey, maybe nobody told Bill and Hillary Clinton it's a hoax and they still think it's a viable policy statement.

Then, believe it or not, *Report from Iron Mountain...* likewise predicts the massive corporate welfare programs for space and "defense" research.

"Another economic surrogate that has been proposed is a series of giant 'space research' programs. These have already been demonstrated in their utility in more modest scale within the military economy. What has been implied, although not yet expressly put forth, is the development of a long-range sequence of space-research projects with largely unattainable goals." (p.61)

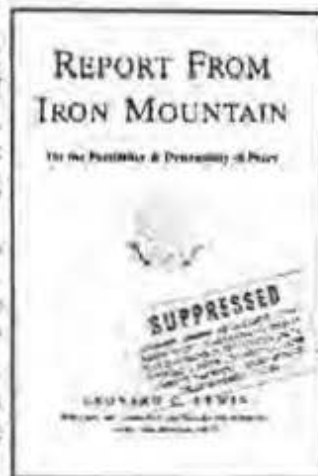
Remember "Star Wars"? Where did the billions upon billions of dollars spent for Research and Development disappear with nothing to show for it?

Continuing in this vein those clever *Iron Mountain* hoaxers write that "space research can be viewed as the nearest modern equivalent yet devised to the pyramid building and similar ritualistic enterprises of ancient societies." (p.62)

What's really striking, though, is their "prediction" of using the US Military as a UN Rent-a-Cop Agency for trouble spots throughout the world.

"A more sophisticated variant is the proposal to establish the Unarmed Forces of the United States. This would conveniently maintain the entire institutional military structure, redirecting it essentially toward social welfare activities on a global scale. It would be in effect a giant military Peace Corps. There is nothing inherently unworkable about this plan, and using the existing military system to effectuate its own demise is both ingenious and convenient." (p.64)

So now maybe we can understand why US Armed Forces are in Bosnia. And Macedonia. And



Somalia. And Haiti.

"Credibility, in fact, lies at the heart of the problem of developing a political substitute for war. This is where the space-race proposals, in many ways so well suited as economic substitutes for war, fall short. The most ambitious and unrealistic space project cannot of itself generate a believable external menace. It has been hotly argued that such a menace would offer the last best hope of peace etc. by uniting mankind against the danger of destruction by 'creatures from other planets' or outer space. Experiments have been proposed to test the credibility of an out-of-our-world invasion threat; it is possible that a few of the more difficult to explain 'flying saucer' incidents of recent years were in fact early experiments of this kind." (p. 66)

Yeah, maybe even motion pictures like *E.T.*, *Close Encounters*, *Communion*, *Fire in the Sky*, *Roswell Incident*, *Independence Day*, *The Arrival* as well as TV shows like *X-Files* that promote the ongoing fascination and "academic" debate regarding the "reality" of UFO's.

"Nevertheless, an effective political substitute for war would require 'alternate enemies', some of which might seem equally farfetched in the context of the current war system. It may be, for instance, that gross pollution of the environment can eventually replace the possibility of mass destruction by nuclear weapons as the principal apparent threat to the survival of the species. Poisoning of the air and of the principal sources of food and water supply is already well advanced and at first glance would seem promising in this respect; it constitutes a threat that can be dealt with only through social organization and political power. But from present indications it will be a generation to a generation and a half before environmental pollution, however severe, will be sufficiently menacing, on a global scale to offer a possible basis for a solution." (p.67)

Written in 1967, could this have been the blueprint for the popularization of the Environmentalist Movement of today?

"It is true that the rate of pollution could be increased

selectively for this purpose; in fact the mere modifying of existing programs for the deterrence of pollution could speed up the process enough to make the threat credible much sooner. But the pollution problem has been so widely publicized in recent years that it seems improbable that a program of deliberate environmental poisoning could be implemented in a politically acceptable manner." (p. 67)

Is that satire or what? I mean, talk about your droll humor, Lewin and the Boys must be slapping their thighs in merriment.

And then there's the sociological aspect of "substitutes for the functions of war." What activities can provide a good excuse for compulsory government service, a form of sophisticated slavery, if you will? Lewin and the Boys got it all figured out, and it actually sounds, well, it sounds just like current US policy.

"Most proposals that address themselves, explicitly or otherwise, to the postwar problem of controlling the socially alienated turn to some variant of the Peace Corps or the so-called Job Corps for a solution. The socially disaffected, the economically unprepared, the psychologically unconformable, the hard-core 'delinquents', the incorrigible 'subversive' and the rest of the unemployable are seen as somehow transformed by the disciplines of a service modeled on military precedent into more or less dedicated social service workers..." (p.68)

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Note: President Bill Clinton has created a program called Americorps National Service "where thousands of Americans will soon be getting things done through service in exchange for help in financing their higher education or repaying their student loans."

The Report continues: "... Another possible surrogate for the control of potential enemies of society is the reintroduction, in some form consistent with modern technology and political processes, of slavery....It may be an absolute prerequisite for social control in a world at peace. As a practical matter, conversion of the code of military discipline to a euphemized form of enslavement would entail surprisingly little revision; the logical first step would be the adoption of some form of 'universal' military service." (p.70)

And if that becomes outdated, federal mandates for high school graduation can include mandatory "volunteer service to the community", currently a requirement in many states.

The author(s) of *Report from Iron Mountain*... fret, however, that the "alternate enemy" must imply a more immediate, tangible and directly felt threat of destruction. It must justify the need for taking and paying a "blood price in wide areas of human concern."

And this is where the worlds of mind control programming and TV news and entertainment (infotainment) intersect.

"Game theorists have suggested, in other contexts, the development of 'blood games' for effective control of individual aggressive impulses... More realistically, such a ritual might be socialized, in the manner of the Spanish Inquisition and the less formal witch trials of other periods, for purposes of 'social purification', 'state security' or other rationale both acceptable and credible to postwar societies."

And can you believe it? We got a program for that too.

Social purification? You betcha. Randy Weaver's wife and son were shot dead in Ruby Ridge, Idaho. David Koresh and his followers were burned alive in Waco, Texas. Live on TV.

State security? You saw the Oklahoma City Bombing. Live on TV. Added benefit? The National Security State was able to pass a new so-called "anti-terrorism" bill.

"A number of proposals have been made governing the relations between nations after total disarmament; all are basically juridical in nature. They contemplate institutions more or less like a World Court or a United Nations, but vested with

real authority.(p.65)"

Sure, there's NAFTA, GATT and the World Trade Organization. How about a World Parliament next?

And then there's the population control problem with a handy eugenics solution. "The real question here, therefore, does not concern the viability of this war substitute, but the political problems involved in bringing it about. It can not be established while the war system is still in effect. The reason for this is simple: excess population is war material." (p.74)

That's right. Too-many-damn-people. Exactly the sentiments of UN poobah Canadian industrialist and environmentalist Maurice Strong. War, you see, is not only useful because of its

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"wasteful expenditures" but it also gets rid of the "cannon fodder" (Strong's words).

Then there are some interesting parallels between one controversial (?) hoax (?) document *Report from Iron Mountain*, allegedly from the left, and another controversial (?) hoax (?) document, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, allegedly from the right. Whether satire or hoax, it's the same state of mind. Compare them and decide for yourself. For example, here are some words on Government:

From *Protocol No. 10*: "When we have accomplished our coup d'etat we shall say then to the various peoples: Everything has gone terribly badly, all have been worn out with sufferings. We are destroying the causes of your torment - nationalities, frontiers, differences of coinage."

From *Report From Iron Mountain*: "We have already pointed out that the end of war means the end of national sovereignty, and thus the end of nationhood as we know it today. But this does not necessarily mean the end of nations in the administrative sense, and internal political power will remain essential to a stable society. (p.65)

And here are some words on Social Programs and Entertainment:

From Protocol No. 13: "... In order that the masses themselves may not guess what they are about we further distract them with amusements, games, pastimes, passions, people's palaces... Soon we shall begin through the press to propose competitions in art, in sport of all kinds: these interests will finally distract their minds from questions in which we should find ourselves compelled to oppose them. Growing more and more disaccustomed to reflect and form any opinions of their own, people will begin to talk in the same tone as we, because we alone shall be offering them new directions for thought."

And from *Report From Iron Mountain*: Substitutes for the Functions of War: Models...3. Sociological: Control functions. a) Programs generally derived from the Peace Corps model. b) A modern sophisticated form of slavery. Motivational function. a) Intensified environmental pollution. b) New religions or other mythologies. c) Socially oriented blood games. d) Combination forms." (p. 84)

And here are some words on Disarmament:

From Protocol No 5.: "Nowadays it is more important to disarm the peoples than to lead them into war; more important to use for our advantage the passions which have burst into flames than to quench their fire; more important to catch up and interpret the ideas of others to suit ourselves than to eradicate them. The principal object of our directorate consists in this: to debilitate the public mind by criticism; to lead it away from serious reflections calculated to arouse resistance; to distract the forces of the mind towards a sham fight of empty eloquence."

From *Report From Iron Mountain*: "The economic impact of general disarmament, to name only the most obvious consequence of peace, would revise the production and distribution patterns of the globe to a degree that would make the changes of the past fifty years seem insignificant. Political, sociological, cultural and ecological changes would be equally far-reaching. What has motivated our study of these contingencies has been the growing sense of thoughtful men in and out of government that the world is totally unprepared to meet the demands of such a situation". (p.8)

"The important point is that the *Report*, whether written as a think-tank study or a political satire, explains the reality that surrounds us," writes G. Edward Griffin, author of *Creature From Jekyll Island*.

"Regardless of its origin, the concepts presented in it are now being implemented in

almost every detail. All one has to do is hold the *Report* in one hand and the daily newspaper in the other to realize that every major trend in American life is conforming to the blueprint. So many things that otherwise are incomprehensible suddenly become clear: foreign aid, wasteful spending, destruction of American industry, a job corps, gun control, a national police force, UN army, disarmament, a world bank, world money, the surrender of national independence through treaties, and the ecology hysteria. *Report From Iron Mountain* is an accurate summary of the plan that has already created our present. It is now shaping our future."

Whether satire or hoax, the author(s) of *Report from Iron Mountain* and the *Protocols* sure sound like they're reading off the same page.

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"Things Are Gonna Slide!"



the Roswell completist, it's U. S. Geological Survey Digital Data Series DDS-17, by Ronald R. Tidball and Susan Bartsch-Winkler)...*Arising from William Colby's ashes (It's all a Strategy of Tension)*: newspapers noted that the late former CIA director—late, that is, if he is not just in hiding until after the impact of the new book on *The Octopus* by Jim Keith and Kenn Thomas (Colby was a tentacle)—directed the infamous Operation Phoenix, a program aimed at neutralizing communist infrastructure in Viet Nam that led, in Colby's understated terms, to "some illegal killing" in that country. As noted in the new Keith/Thomas book, Operation Phoenix used an early version of the PROMIS computer software. Colby justified the abuses and defended Operation Phoenix—which was actually a program of political assassination on a massive scale—as part of a political war. That would make Danny Casolaro one of its latest casualties.

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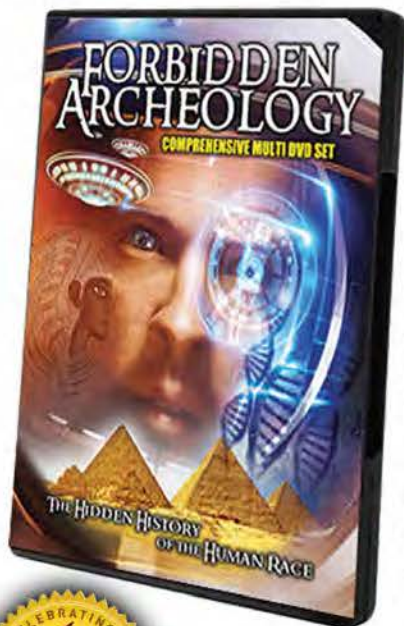
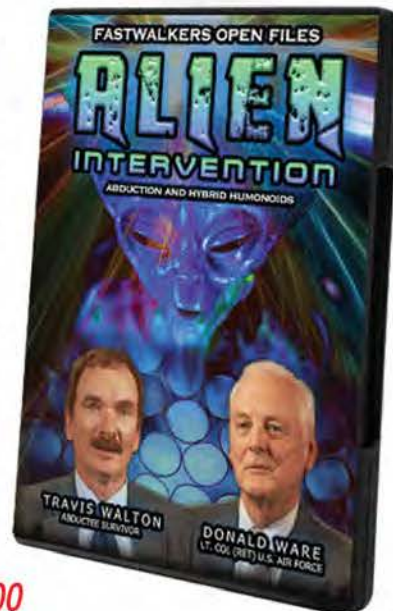
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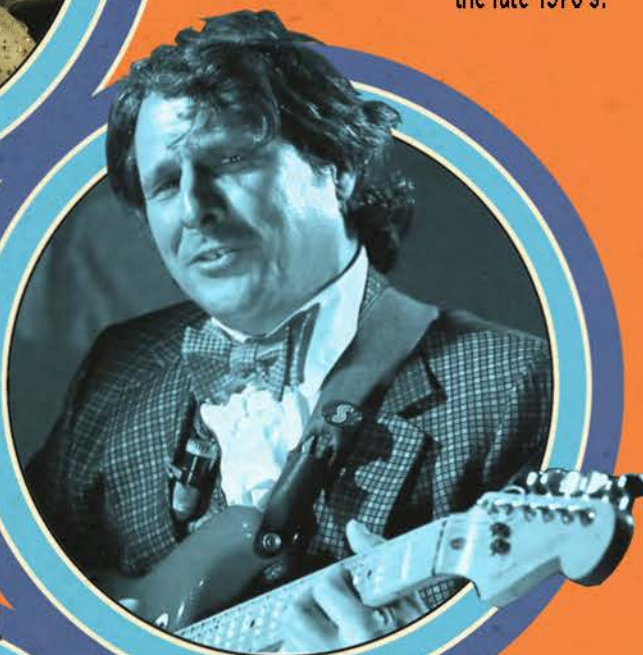


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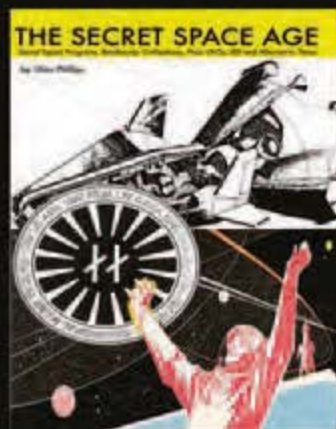
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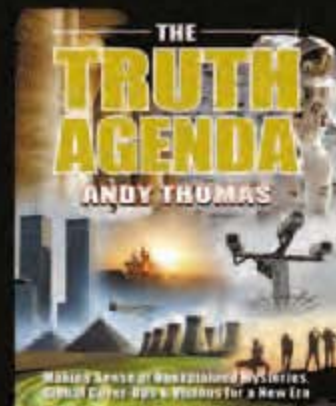


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